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ratio of guerrillas killed to security force losses had been constant in the past three years.

Mr Smith said the strength of the security forces would be increased at field level. This would entail some hardship and some interruption of family life and of business and professional activities. The Rhodesians would need a full measure of moral courage in the coming months and they would be subjected to psychological warfare more intensive and insidious than ever before.

Referring to pressure on his Government to heed the lessons of Mozambique and Angola and to surrender, Mr Smith said that if his Government did surrender, nothing would be more certain than the inevitability of civil war between blacks in Rhodesia.

He went on to say that the only settlement he could obtain in haste would be one involving an immediate sellout to black rule. This was unacceptable. The kind of settlement he wanted could not be achieved in haste, but by patient negotiation and discussion.

Mr Smith said the guerrillas operating out of Mozambique were of the Zanu faction which regarded the current negotiations between the Government and Mr Nkomo's faction of the African National Council as irrelevant. The aim of Zanu was to dominate all the people of Rhodesia, including their black rivals, and to do so by terrorism. Hence they had to be defeated whether or not the constitutional discussions reached a successful conclusion.

The Prime Minister accused the Russians and Cubans of "blatant aggression" in Angola. Their immediate objective, he said, was to create a "saddle" across Africa reaching from the Atlantic coast in Angola to Tanzania and Mozambique on the east coast.

This would provide them with a springboard to launch a campaign to dominate Southern Africa and deny the West the subcontinent's vast natural resources and communications, particularly the Cape sea route. Their next targets would undoubtedly be Rhodesia and South-West Africa.

Mr Smith said the Russians and their puppets in the Organization of African Unity would claim that the governments of Rhodesia and South Africa were illegal. The Western powers, blind to the consequences of their actions, would join in the chorus orchestrated by the Russian baton. Unfortunately, he said, there was no Churchill alive today to bring home to them the folly of such appeasement.

He closed by saying that the outside world should not be misled into believing that because Mozambique and Angola surrendered to terrorism Rhodesians would do likewise. The people of those territories had not surrendered. The metropolitan government in Portugal surrendered on their behalf.

In Rhodesia there was no metropolitan government to surrender. That had been made certain when independence was assumed 10 years ago.

Bulawayo, Feb 6.—Mr Garfield Todd, the former Rhodesian Prime Minister, who has been under restriction for the past four years, left Bulawayo today with his wife for a three-week visit to Britain.

The trip is officially described as being for "family reasons", but it is widely assumed that Mr Todd will take the opportunity of discussing the Rhodesian dispute with British officials while in London. He will also be visiting his daughter, Judith, who lives in Britain.—Reuter.

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Hundreds trapp in Tube station explosn

By a Staff Repr

Four Londo Underground trains packed h passengers were trapped more than two hours in ke-filled tunnels last nightfter a cable fused at Finsbu Park station. There was a bare and, it is believed, an explosion. A hundred and fifiremen were called.

About thirty ple including two children, re taken to hospital suffer from the effects of fum and smoke. Some were givexygen

A woman whas thought to have died had ict suffered a heart attack. S was being detained in the yal Northern Hospital overnig

The incident appened at about 4.20 pm, the start of the evening rushur. Power was switched ofund services were suspended the Piccadilly Line betwe King's Cross and Wood Gree and on the Victoria Line breen King's Cross and Sevenisters. They were not due the resumed before this rning. Lighting and telephon links were also cut.

Scotland Yard did that on one train, which reached Arsenal station, passenge were in a state of collapse: the doors opened. Seven we taken to hospital.

At one stage i the rescue two of the trappetrains were said to be "untractable". Little information was tn reaching the rescue contro at ground level. Police sent nderground had to rely on peonal radios for communication, at the mass of earth and concre be tween them and rescue ntrol hampered radio contact.

Later all the traped passengers were evacuate. Assistant Chief Firo Office Frederick Hurcombe said: "There has been a fire th one if the tunnels, which is now nder control."

As the rescue got under way, traffic became jamed everywhere within a mile f Finsbury Park station, hamering the emergency services.

London Transport said: The trouble was caed by the fusing of an electricl cable at Finsbury Park station northbound. . . . There was a geat deal of smoke and the fusing cut off the lighting in the tunnels.

The fire brigade on arival asked that the traction current supply should be cut off, ot the local sections of both lines. As a result, some northbound trains on both lines were halted in the tunnels south of Finsbury Park station. . . . It took staff some time to reach the trains and begin the detrainment in the darkness.

Lord Ryder in clash with Rolls-Royce board

By Maurice Corina and Malcolm Brown

Lord Ryder, chairman of the National Enterprise Board, is being challenged by the full board of the nationalized Rolls-Royce (1971) in a bitter behind-the-scenes argument over his future powers of intervention in top management.

The outcome of what is being described in Whitehall as "a bitter test of wills" will determine how far the controversial NEB can interfere with the work of industrialists and bankers engaged in running the aero-engine giant as well as such enterprises as British Leyland, Ferranti, International Computers, and Alfred Herbert.

So serious is the dispute that Rolls-Royce has asked Lord Goodman, the Prime Minister's personal adviser, to act as a peacemaker. Lord Goodman, who is unwell, had been asked to meet Lord Ryder next week.

His brief is to persuade the NEB chief that all directors of companies with vested government shareholdings must be allowed freedom in their decision-taking.

Unless the "hands-off" issue is quickly settled, he will warn Lord Ryder, there is a danger of resignations.

The Government's industrial advisers are waiting with bated breath, for, although Lord Ryder's state holding board was set up in November not one government shareholding has been transferred to the NEB (there is a wrangle over valuations).

Nor has the Government published guidelines, as promised long ago by the Prime Minister, to cover Lord Ryder's future conduct and methods of operation.

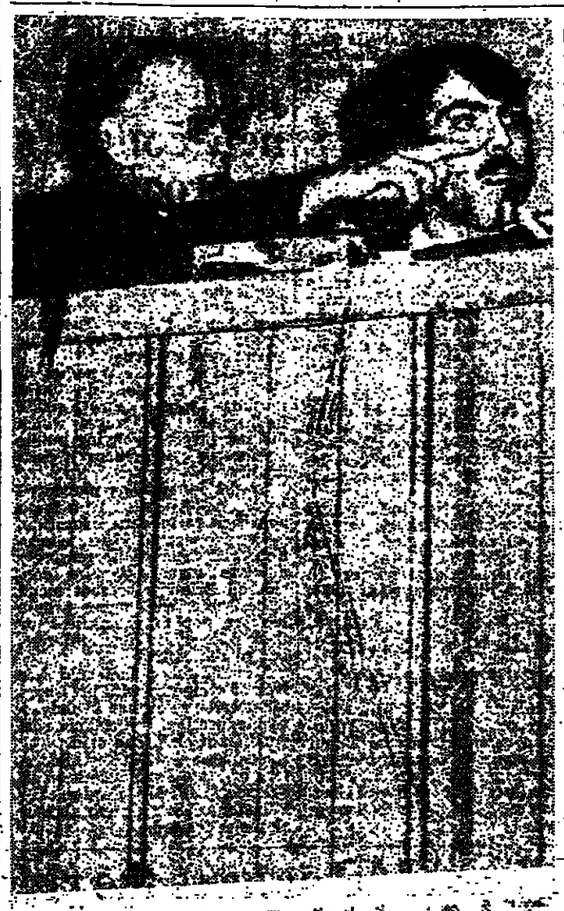
These guidelines, intended to reassure industrialists, are due to be notified to Parliament and given statutory effect by the issue from Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, of a written directive to Lord Ryder and his enterprise board.

Close consultations have been taking place with the Confederation of British Industry, which is hopeful of winning new curbs on the powers of the NEB.

But these delicate negotiations are being threatened by a developing argument between Sir Kenneth Keith, chairman of Rolls-Royce, and Lord Ryder, and rumblings from boardrooms of other companies with state shareholdings.

At the heart of the dispute is a firm determination by the Rolls-Royce board to back its "hands off" stance with a memorandum agreed between the Department of Industry and

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The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, in the control room, known as the main pulpit, on a visit to Sheerness steel mill yesterday.

Iceland decides not to break diplomatic relations with Britain

By Robert Fisk

The Icelandic Cabinet decided last night that it would not, after all, break off diplomatic relations with Britain. The decision means that the way is again open for British and Icelandic ministers to discuss a peaceful settlement of the dispute over the cod fishing grounds around Iceland.

Until yesterday evening, the British Government had expected an announcement from Iceland breaking off all relations with London.

In a radio interview, Mr Geir Hallgrimsson, the Icelandic Prime Minister, said he did not exclude the possibility of further talks. "But a condition for any talks with the British is that they withdraw their warships from Icelandic waters", he said.

Whether the Icelanders had been taken off guard by the return of two Royal Navy frigates to the fishing grounds on Thursday, or whether they were mollified by an appeal from Nato leaders in Brussels yesterday, was still not clear last night.

Only hours after the Icelandic Government's statement, the Reykjavik coastguard complained that the British frigate Juno had rammed the Icelandic gunboat Tyr.

Meanwhile, the Icelandic Embassy in London accused Mr Roy Hattersley, a Foreign Office Minister of State, of "sheer fabrication" in giving a warning about the dangers of trawler warp-cutting in the fishing grounds. It said that in 100 warp-cutting incidents reported to it not a single accident had been reported.

The Nato appeal earlier in the day had been made by the North Atlantic Council and took the form of an urgent suggestion to the two countries to meet once again around the conference table. Dr Joseph Luns, the Nato Secretary-General, who is in America for a meeting with President Ford next week, was prepared to fly to London or Reykjavik to act as a mediator.

Nato's principal concern is that the Icelanders will carry out their threat to close down the Keflavik monitoring station near Reykjavik where United States military personnel keep watch on Soviet naval activity. This threat is now also presumably in abeyance.

The British Government announced last night that a third frigate, the Lowestoft, had been sent to join the two other warships in the fishing grounds.

In Hull yesterday, Mr Tom Neilsen, secretary of the local trawler skippers' guild, said the trawl-cutting had proved that British trawlers could not fish without naval protection. Even the law of the sea conference being resumed in New York next month, he suggested, would not bring a solution.

The Foreign Office last night announced that the British trawler fleet off Iceland and its annual catch would in future be limited. The British obviously hope the Icelanders will accept this as a formula to end the dispute.

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On the reference to honours for relatives, he said that his sister had received the MBE recently. Because of her record in education, that recommendation came to him in 1969, and he rejected it simply because she was his sister. Mr Heath received the same recommendation two years later and acceded to it.

"In both cases it came from the usual impartial source and I was naturally pleased when Mr Heath accepted it", Mr Wilson wrote.

Mr Hamilton said yesterday: "As regards motivation, mine is quite clear and unremarkable. It is an animus against both the Prime Minister and the Crown, but chiefly against the Prime Minister. The Queen is an innocent pawn on the board."

The proposed select committee, he said, should examine the "impartial sources" that Mr Wilson had referred to. "I am sorry that Mr Wilson's sister's name has been dragged into this, but it shows the pure arbitrariness of the thing", he added. "There must be thousands of people in education, in nursing and in every public service who have done equally deserving work, yet it seems strange that this particular woman should have been singled out."

Mr Nixon accepts invitation to revisit China on anniversary of historic trip

From David Bonavia
Peking, Feb 6

Mr and Mrs Richard Nixon have been officially invited to revisit China this month and have accepted the invitation, the New China news agency announced tonight.

Recalling that the former President's visit to China in 1972 had played "a significant role in improving Sino-United States relations", the agency said that "a revisit to China by him will be appropriate".

It added: "The Government of the People's Republic of China has extended an invitation to him and Mrs Nixon to revisit China on February 21, the fourth anniversary of their first visit. They have accepted the invitation with pleasure."

The invitation to Mr Nixon is not a complete surprise. It has been rumoured for several months past that the former President would even be glad to be nominated as head of America's diplomatic mission in Peking, for which other takers have not been found since Mr George Bush left last year to take up the position of head of the Central Intelligence Agency. It is known that Chairman Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai, the late Prime Minister, established a personal and intellectual rapport with Mr Nixon, which they still valued despite the souring of China's relationship with Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, who originally arranged Mr Nixon's first visit.

The present invitation is an extraordinary sign of the independent attitude of Chinese leaders towards world political opinion and of the emphasis they place on the importance of other countries establishing normal relations with China, whatever the domestic repercussions may be.

The invitation is widely seen in Peking as a personal initiative of Chairman Mao, who is 82 and is believed to have been greatly moved by the recent death of Chou En-lai his revolutionary comrade in arms during 40 years.

Without the Chairman's personal intervention it is doubtful whether such a controversial move would have been made at a time when internal strife is becoming more evident in advance of the expected meeting of the National People's Congress to fill newly vacant top posts in the party and Government and approve a new five-year plan.

The implications of Mr Nixon's visit for China's foreign policy are far reaching. It demonstrates that China's leaders care little for the opinion of what they regard as scatter-brained leftists in Western countries, who will doubtless be shocked.

Much more important in their view is an emphasis on firm opposition to Soviet expansionism. They evidently see Mr Nixon as the man who managed to combine détente with China with firm policy towards the Russians—an implied reproach to President Ford whom they see as too much under Dr Kissinger's influence.

Our Washington Correspondent writes: Mr Nixon caught Washington off balance with the news of his second visit to China.

Dr Kissinger emphasized that the Chinese invitation had nothing to do with the United States Government. This is a necessary qualification as Mr Nixon has often dropped hints that he would like to become an American envoy "to the world". President Ford has rejected the idea.

But Dr Kissinger said that no aspect of United States foreign policy was more important than relations with China. "Therefore his visit as a private citizen will symbolize that relationship which we expect to grow".

At the White House, Mr Ron Messen, Mr Ford's press secretary, somewhat disavowed Dr Kissinger in insisting: "There is no significance attached to the trip by the White House."

Chemical disposal plan dropped

By Our Science Editor

A scheme by Monsanto Ltd to pump 500,000 gallons of chemical waste a day into porous sandstone two miles underground has been abandoned after five years' work. The company said that the geological structure was found unsuitable for introducing a revolutionary method of effluent disposal into the United Kingdom, or indeed into Europe.

The difficulties have created a dilemma for the manufacturer and for the Northumbrian Water Authority, for this project, using the method known as deep-well waste injection, should have provided an example of an alternative to discharging polluting waste into rivers.

The wisdom of the deep-well injection method of filling large underground geological structures with poisons is almost certain to be questioned in the long term.

An article in today's issue of *Municipal Engineering* tells of the successful use of deep wells in the United States but also describes the process as "how to fill Pandora's box".

The circumstances surrounding the project, at Seal Sands, on the north bank two miles from the water of the Tees, are important because they provide a test of whether the new regulations in the Control of Pollution Act, yet to be implemented by the Department of the Environment, can be made to work.

Approval for discharge of the waste from an acrylonitrile factory into the river Tees was given on the understanding that by this year the company would have an alternative way of treating the chemicals.

The water authority has granted the company another three years to come up with an alternative method of treatment.

Until that time, discharge into the river will continue. But that will not create any new environmental damage as the river is one of the most polluted in Europe.

RUC man shot dead in Belfast

A police sergeant was shot dead and a train was partially derailed by a bomb in Ulster yesterday.

The sergeant, with an inspector, was fired on by two youths at a street junction in Belfast. The inspector was critically injured. The youths escaped in a car, which was later found abandoned in the Ardoyne area, a Provisional IRA stronghold.

The dead man was Sergeant James Blakely, aged 42. He was married with three children, aged between 11 and 19.

He was shot five times in the head. The inspector was shot three times.

Sergeant Blakely was the third RUC man to die this year.

A Belfast to Dublin express train with 200 passengers on board was derailed by a 5lb bomb after passing under a bridge near Scarva, co Down. Four people were taken to hospital, but none was seriously hurt. Buses took the remaining passengers to Dublin, 80 miles away.

The train driver, Mr James McNally, of Dublin, said that the train had just passed under a bridge when there was "an enormous explosion".

The engine came off the line and the second and third carriages heeled over against the embankment. The other carriages remained upright.

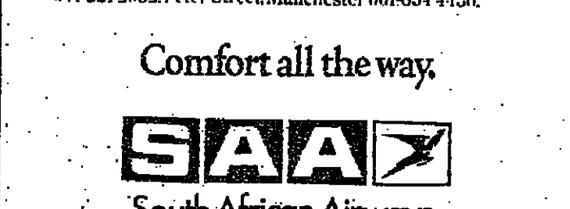
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Raiders snatch auction jewels

Diamond and emerald jewelry valued at up to £100,000 was snatched yesterday from the auction room of Phillips, Son and Neale in Blenheim Street, Mayfair, London.

Three smartly dressed men asked to view the items before auction. One produced a pistol and forced Mr. John Benjamin, aged 20, an employee, to open the two safes.

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New earth tremors hit Guatemala City

Two strong earth tremors hit Guatemala City yesterday. They were part of the aftershock of Wednesday's huge earthquake which killed thousands of people. The population fled in panic into the streets as the first tremor hit the city.

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$3m Lockheed gifts

Mr A. C. Kotchian, former president of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, admitted under oath that the company had made gifts of more than $1m to a high Dutch official and more than $2m to Japanese officials to win sales contracts

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Schmidt accolade

Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, who meets Mr Wilson today, said in London that Britain was showing good signs of recovery

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US win first gold medal

The United States won their first gold medal in the Winter Olympic Games at Innsbruck. The Soviet Union brought their total to three and beat the United States 6—2 at ice hockey

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Tory peers are to continue their fight against the Government's trade union Bill with a new clause that would allow a worker not to join a union on grounds of conscience or deeply held conviction

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HOME NEWS

Denial fails to shake Paisley claim of psychological warfare

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Relations between the Government and leaders of the United Ulster Unionist Coalition worsened yesterday after allegations by the Rev Ian Paisley that a unit of senior British officials had been set up to wage so-called psychological warfare against "loyalists".

Undeterred by the official derision that greeted his original accusations, Mr Paisley has asked the Speaker of the Commons for a half-hour adjournment debate on his allegation. They were given in a detailed statement from his party office in Belfast.

Mr Paisley alleged that high-ranking Foreign Office officials had been seconded to Northern Ireland to start the campaign, which was being run in association with the Ministry of Defence along the lines of a special intelligence unit set up previously to counter the IRA. That unit has been disbanded.

"The orders given are to break up the UUUC by discrediting its leaders through character assassinations and every other means that can be employed", he said.

"The campaign is already under way, digging into the past of UUUC Convention members and prominent party workers. Charges and innuendoes about their morals, home life, families and personal relationships will be floated."

Although Mr Paisley has produced no documentary proof to support his allegations, the attack has irritated ministers and officials still smarting from recent leaks to him of confidential army and government documents. Last night Mr Paisley claimed he had "substantive" proof, but was not yet prepared to reveal it.

The first official denial of Mr Paisley's allegations was put out early yesterday on the orders of Mr Rees, the Secretary of State. A Stormont statement said:

The Secretary of State makes it clear that no special unit with the aim of discrediting anyone has been set up in the Northern Ireland Office. Mr Paisley needs no help from the Secretary of State or anyone else on this account. But he has every opportunity to raise this matter in the House of Commons if he so wishes.

The concerted loyalist campaign against the Government's Northern Ireland policy continued last night with a speech delivered to a party meeting in co Down by Mr Enoch Powell.

Welcoming the impending collapse and failure of the Convention, he accused the Government of attempting to blackmail the Protestant majority of Ulster into accepting a new power-sharing administration.

Government calls for injured baby registers

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Government yesterday urged all health and social services authorities to open central registers of battered babies and children suspected of being at risk.

The early amalgamation of registers kept by area health authorities and social services departments is proposed in a Department of Health and Social Security circular. It reviews the progress in preventive measures taken by all the professions involved after the Government urged action in the wake of the Maria Colwell case. It notes that throughout England, area review committees have been established to coordinate action.

Of 102 area review committees, 83 have started registers and eight are actively considering doing so. The circular emphasizes the importance of safeguarding confidentiality and says registers should be kept in conditions of the strictest security and maintained by designated officers.

The circular says the registers should include information on children aged up to 16 who have been injured, which should be clearly distinguished from records on children suspected of being at risk.

Local authorities have also asked for the names of designated officers whom other authorities may approach about individual cases and for a 24-hour contact service on such cases.

A questionnaire to directors of social service shows that at least 40 children died in England because of known or suspected non-accidental injury in the last nine months of 1974.

Tory peers fight on against closed shop

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Conservative peers intend again to challenge the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill and to defy the Government on the use of provisions in the Parliament Acts of 1911 and 1949 to force the measure through without the Lords' consent.

The clash will come not on the second reading of the Bill next Tuesday, but on February 24, when the peers will consider the Commons' "suggested amendments", which include all the changes in the Bill, some related to press freedom, carried by the Lower House last session but modified by Lords amendments later.

Opposition in the Lords last session was centred on safeguarding the freedom of the press. Lord Goodman and other crossbench supported by the Tories, tried to give the force of law those provisions which add a right of redress to anyone who might be victimized by operation of a closed shop the newspaper industry.

Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, won a majority in the Commons for a compromise which had the backing of the Manifesto Group of Labour MPs and provided an independent tribunal to consider and pronounce on any such victimization.

Lord Goodman, who led the opposition last June on the press freedom issue, is ill and cannot be there to rally the forces next week. The Conservative case will be put by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the former Lord Chancellor, and Lord Aberdare, the deputy leader of the Opposition.

They will indicate that the Opposition attack at the "suggested amendments" stage will be concentrated on the general issue of the closed shop. The Conservatives want to devise a new clause that would give a worker the right not to join a union on grounds of deeply held personal conviction or conscience.

That is a formula which bears some resemblance to the exception granted in the Parliamentary Labour Party's code of conduct allowing Labour MPs to abstain from supporting declared party policy without incurring disciplinary action.

The Conservative peers say they have good reason to expect the support of some Labour peers for that proposition and they are sure to get the backing of crossbench and Liberal peers. The amendment or amendments to the "suggested amendments" would then be sent back to the Commons and there could be a protracted "ping-pong" procedure all over again, resulting in stalemate.

The Government, in view of increasing pressure on parliamentary time for other legislation, may choose to ignore the Lords proposals, and let the Bill, as decided by the Commons, become law automatically at the end of the session in October. But by-elections and possible resignations from the Parliamentary Labour Party could deprive them of their majority, and the Lords amendments could be accepted.

Downing press officers su 'The Tim

Mr Joseph Thomas Haines, the Prime M chief press officer, and his Downing Street col all press officers, hav High Court writs allegi against Times Newspap Mr Philip Howard, wh an article in *The T* which objection was t also named as a defend

The writ complains of in *The Times* on Nove and December 3, 19 claims damages. An in is being sought to previ tition of the same or words.

Mr Haines lives a Shaw, Tonbridge, Ken other plaintiffs are Ja lett-Davies, Gerald Mi Jean Denham, Matthie and Richard Pratt.

Mr William Re Editor of *The Time* yesterday: "We have the writs and we shall fending, though we ar a long way from this moment".

Tory leader praises new college's approach

By Our Political Staff

The inauguration of the University College at Buckingham offered hope that teachers might be encouraged to take their destinies more into their own hands, Mrs Thatcher, leader of the Conservative Party, said yesterday.

Speaking at the opening of the new college, she said teachers might now tackle institutional adventures which did not involve lobbying public opinion or government departments.

In the innovations pioneered by the college, she saw a fresh approach to modern education.

In the past 30 years, education had become increasingly a state monopoly. She considered Britain's present mood undesirable, with many people looking not to themselves or their fellows for new initiative, but to the state.

Mrs Thatcher indicated her lack of sympathy with pressures for greater relevance in university education. "Excellence is good in itself", she said.

Absentees: Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, and Mr Fowler, the Minister of State, were absent, although invited.



Mrs Thatcher with Sir Sydney Caine, chairman of council at the college (centre) and Professor Max Beloff, principal

Government 'protects 55 buildings daily'

By John Young

Some 55 buildings a day are being newly listed as of historic or architectural interest and protected against demolition without specific government consent.

That was announced yesterday by Lady Birk, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, defending the Government's conservation record.

Asked whether the number of listed buildings, already some 250,000, might not be getting out of hand, she replied that if Britain were to follow some of its EEC partners in listing many fewer buildings, there would be just as much criticism and far less achieved.

The main purpose of the lists was to guide local authorities, she said.

Lady Birk's remarks were provoked by a leading article in this week's *New Statesman* accusing the Government of misusing money allocated for preserving buildings.

The Government was spending £3.5m on conservation in the current financial year: she said, £2.25m on specific buildings. That was to be increased by a fifth next year.

"The implication that we are subsidizing families and not buildings is absolutely untrue", she said. The article was ill informed and inaccurate, and the suggestion that owners of country houses were being enabled to live in a style which they could not otherwise afford was "quaint".

A proposal in the article that the state should buy the freehold of all listed buildings and take on their supervision and maintenance was "economic and social nousense". Such a scheme, even confined to Grade I and certain Grade II buildings, would mean vast expenditure and almost certainly more civil servants.

Ministers see rail chief

As Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, and Sir Richard Marsh, chairman of the British Railways Board, had what was described yesterday as a routine meeting, the railway unions continued their campaign to resist widespread cuts in the industry.

The meeting, which was also attended by Mr Gilbert, Minister for Transport, was held after the application by the board to the Price Commission for its fifth general increase in fares in less than two years, to avert a £600m deficit. It is thought that most of the increases sought are between 10 and 17½ per cent.

It is understood that the imminent transport policy review, a document that has led to much pessimistic union speculation, was discussed at yesterday's meeting.

Equality protest over 'wenches'

Students at York University are reporting Mr Robert Atkinson, a publican, to the Equal Opportunities Commission for advertising for "wenches" to serve meals at medieval banquets at his public house in York.

Donatello surplus for work of art

By Our Sale Room Correspondent

Any surplus on the fund raised by the Victoria and Albert Museum towards the purchase of Donatello's "Virgin and Child" will be passed to the National Art-Collections Fund, the museum decided yesterday. It will buy a work of art for the museum in memory of Lord Crawford and Balcarres.

As reported in *The Times* yesterday, the sale of silver copies of the Donatello made it likely that the fund-raising campaign would exceed the target by £52,000. The decision not to devote the surplus to individual departments which had been called on to sacrifice the whole of their annual purchasing grants was welcomed by those who had made a special effort in contributing.

The Pobjoy Mint, which is producing the 750 silver copies of the Donatello for the museum on a non-profit basis, also stands to gain in the long run. It has been permitted to produce and sell small silver medallions of the piece.

They will measure 2¼in across, weigh about 5 oz, and be sold for £28 as a commercial enterprise. Up to 5,000 will be produced, depending on demand.

Tanker crew's demands proper, judge says

Pay demands made by the crew of the 30,000-ton tanker Camellia, stranded in the Manchester Ship Canal since January 23, were perfectly proper, Mr Justice Templeman said in the High Court yesterday.

He refused the owners of the Panamanian-registered ship an injunction ordering the International Transport Workers' Federation and Mr John Nelson, its north-west inspector, to let the vessel sail.

The owners, Camellia Tanker Ltd, SA, immediately went to the Court of Appeal to challenge the judge's decision. The appeal is expected to last two days.

Liberal MP accuses the press of 'slur and innuendo'

Mr Stephen Ross, Liberal MP for the Isle of Wight, complained yesterday of the behaviour of the British press in the past week.

"I have witnessed at first hand these past seven days the way the press goes to work in this country when they are instructed by their paymasters to destroy the credibility of a public figure and a political party", he told his constituency executive.

"I, and, I suspect, many others, went into politics with a real desire to fight for something better, but now I seriously question whether the time or effort can ever be worth while."

Mr Ross's statement did not mention Mr Thorpe, leader of the Liberal Party, by name. He continued:

"Whilst the country walks the economic tight-rope, the newspaper industry, with one or two honourable exceptions, waddles in the mire of its own making, spending £1,000 upon £1,000 trying to make innocent people, and friendly actions, appear crafty and deceitful.

"By blatantly slanted reporting, slur and innuendo, they set about their task of character-assassination caring not whom they trample on in the process."

The Law Society yesterday advised Mr Jeremy Ferguson, former solicitor for Mr Norman Scott, about his rights in allowing a letter from Mr Ferguson to him to be published in the *Daily Mail* yesterday.

The letter made it clear that Mr Ferguson did not approve of Mr Scott's reference to Mr Thorpe at a court in Barnstaple. It also gave Mr Ferguson's reasons for ceasing to represent Mr Scott.

Mr Ferguson said at his home in Bideford, Devon, earlier yesterday that he was concerned about the publication of a letter between a solicitor and his client. He was representing Mr Scott when, during a case concerning social security benefits, Mr Scott made references to Mr Thorpe, which the Liberal leader has denied.

No freeze on community service plans, minister says

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Details of new community service schemes to begin after April 1 as an alternative to prison were disclosed yesterday by Lord Harris of Greenwich, Minister of State at the Home Office.

Replying to accusations made by the British Association of Social Workers and reported in *The Times* yesterday, he told me: "It is not true, as suggested in the letter, that the Home Secretary has imposed a freeze on the introduction of further expansion by the Probation and After Care Service of schemes for community service by offenders in England and Wales in 1976-77".

Mr Terence Bamford, assistant general secretary of the association, said in a letter to the Home Office that the association was dismayed that "settlement makes provision only for the maintenance of community service schemes begun in the current financial year".

Lord Harris told me yesterday that community service schemes existed in whole or in part in 49 out of 56 probation and after care areas in England and Wales.

From April 1 community service arrangements would be available in part of the West Midlands. Arrangements for part of Humberside were also being considered. Approval was about to be given for the extension from that date of existing schemes to additional petty session areas in Greater Manchester, Essex, Somerset, south-east London, Hampshire, Northumbria, Bedfordshire and Oxfordshire probation and after care areas.

The areas that would not be covered after April 1 were Dyfed, Powys, Cornwall, West Glamorgan and the City of London, the minister said.

Strychnine in sugar warning

Police in loudspeaker vans toured schools, housing estates, and the shopping area in King's Lynn, Norfolk, yesterday, giving a warning that three 2lb bags of sugar stolen from an allotment shed during Thursday night contained strychnine.

The police said: "Each bag has been doctored with one teaspoonful of strychnine, and then resealed. We estimate four teaspoonfuls of the doctored sugar would be a fatal dose." The sugar was to be fed to rats.

More dustmen are fined

Five dustmen employed by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, who admitted charges of deception involving bag sales to two restaurants and an hotel, were fined at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. The men and the fines are:

Leslie Couchman, aged 46, of Priory Lane, Roehampton (£30); John Crawford, aged 55, of Eccles Road, Battersea (£20); Frederick Young, aged 56, of Orchid Street, Acton (£100); John Bloom, aged 23, of Bayley's Lane, Fulham (£100); and Stanley Bone, aged 45, of Gaskarth Road, Clapham (£100). Mr Couchman was ordered to pay £25 costs and the others £50 costs.

Attempted coup not criminal, accused says

From Our Correspondent
Preston

Anthony Murphy, one of the Irish syndicate involved in the alleged £300,000 horse race betting coup, told the jury at Preston Crown Court, Lancashire, yesterday: "It was a stroke of genius, not a criminal act."

Mr Murphy, a builder, of Cork, Republic of Ireland, admitted that a similar attempt to beat the bookmakers four months previously had been made by the syndicate. But the horse carrying all their money, Hindsight, was beaten at Towcester on Easter Monday. "On that occasion there were no complaints from the Licensed Bookmakers' Association", he said.

Mr Murphy, aged 44, said that the syndicate agreed to try again if the right horse was found. They subsequently bought shares in the £5,000 Gay Future and agreed to try again, though he was not responsible for any arrangements. He added: "The idea of bringing over a horse from Ireland, keeping its form secret, and entering it at an obscure meeting is centuries old."

He had heard there would be one non-runner coupled with Gay Future in their bets but was surprised to learn there were two, Ankerwyke and Opera Cloak, as he thought that might attract undue attention.

He said he managed to place more than £300 of his allotted £1,000 in bets before a William Hill shop in the West End suspended bets on Gay Future, and he went back to the Tower Hotel and slept through the race.

When he awoke the others had returned after managing to lay all their money. "They said I should not get my full share of the winnings", he said.

Mr Murphy and Anthony Collins, aged 38, a racehorse trainer, of Troon, Strathclyde, are accused of conspiring to defraud bookmakers. They have pleaded not guilty.

Planemak back state control ca

By Tim Jones
Labour Staff

The aerospace indust disrupted yesterday by walkouts by thousan workers in support of demand for more gove aid. They demanded diate nationalization industry, a halt to closu redundancies, and more trial democracy and co tion at worker-mana level.

According to Mr Higgs, secretary of National Aerospace Stewards' Liaison Com which organized the dem tion, about 100,000 w half the workforce, too in the stoppages. Work production models of Co was halted.

Mr Higgs said: "W calling for the funding o projects and for the G ment to produce a plan f industry, because it is industry and one that c expanded to create e ment."

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Sir Richard Smeeth tor of the Society o Aerospace Industries, Government should money earmarked for vation on new aircraft. If there was any spare it would be expand the industry than continuing in stagnation due to dogma inhibiting action".

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Social workers want change in fuel disconnexion policy

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

More than 200 social workers in Scotland are calling for an urgent government review of policies on fuel debts because of the danger to the health of old and young people when supplies are cut off.

The social workers, in the Lothian region, say they are concerned at the increasing number of disconnexions ordered because people cannot meet the rising cost of fuel. The risk to the life and wellbeing of old and young people is self-evident, they say in a letter to Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, and Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy.

They add that the bad effect that gross material deprivation can have on the social, emotional and educational development of children is less evident, but recognized by all recent British governments. The elderly and under-fives would be exposed to hardship and deprivation which might result in death or long-term damage unless there was a national change in disconnexion policy.

The social workers say that the liaison procedures are inadequate and should be improved. They also urge a review of fuel debt policy by the Supplementary Benefits Commission.

Mr Glyn England, chairman of the South Western Electricity Board, advised old people yesterday: "Do not skimp on electricity in the cold weather, it costs lives." The elderly should make contact with their fuel boards before bills arrived.

Speaking at a board lunch in Bristol, he said the liaison procedures were working well; about forty cases a week were discussed with social service agencies. In the South-West, 582 out of more than a million consumers were cut off at the end of January, including non-domestic customers and vacant households. In Bristol only one pensioner was without electricity, and there were special circumstances in that case.

Baby died after fire under bed

Sean Thompson, aged six, started a fire in which his brother Mark, aged 17 months, died, Divisional Fire Officer Harold Scruton told an inquest at St Helens, Merseyside, yesterday. The baby was trapped after his brother lit paper under a bed in the room, it was stated.

The electricity supply to the house, in Beth Avenue, St Helens, had been cut off because the family owed £180, and the boy had taken matches, used by his out-of-work father to light candles, from his parents' bedside table. The jury returned a verdict of misadventure.

Airline pilot on gun charge

Andrew Gino Newton, an airline pilot, was remanded for two weeks at Minehead Magistrates' Court, Somerset, yesterday, charged with possessing a gun and ammunition with intent to endanger life on October 24. In an incident on Exmoor in October a Great Dane dog owned by Mr Norman Scott, a former male model, was shot dead.

Mr Newton, aged 29, of Abinger Road, Chiswick, London, was granted bail in the sum of £20.

Judge irks disc jockeys

Lord Justice Lawton, who said he was sometimes known as an old-fashioned judge with old-fashioned ideas, advised a father in the Court of Appeal yesterday to stop his son, aged 17, from working as a part-time disc jockey. He said that by acting as a disc jockey the youth had "been indulging in occasions for sin".

The father, Mr Donald Lees, Heathbank Road, Blackley, Manchester, said he would do as the judge suggested. The son, Donald Lees, was then freed from a six-month detention order imposed on December 8 for causing an affray and unlawful wounding.

David Hamilton, of BBC Radio One, said later: "The judge is out of touch. If there is any sin going about I should like to hear about it."

Micky Horne, who presents Capital Radio's rock music programme, said: "The warning seems to be rubbish." It was not true that disc jockeys looked scruffy and mixed with ne'er do wells.

Jimmy Savile, however, supported the judge. He said: "The geezer is 100 per cent right. If you get into clubs and places like that you are coming up against all sorts of temptations, drugs and under-aged birds and things."

Men had to buy tickets to chase a mugger

Three men chased a "mugger" into East Putney station, London, after he punched and kicked an elderly woman, but were turned back at the barrier because they had no tickets, it was stated at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

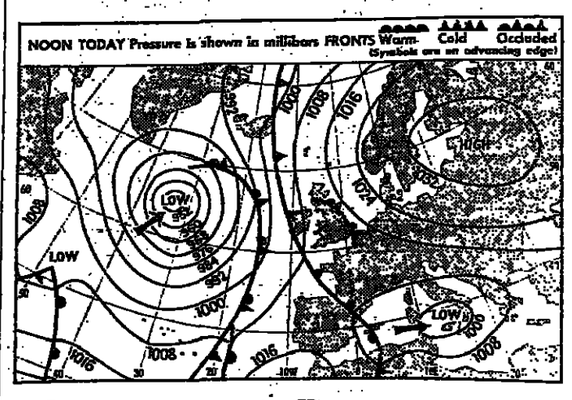
They were refused use of a telephone to call the police, so they bought platform tickets, went into the station and caught the attacker, a youth of 17. One of the pursuers had to go outside to make a 999 call.

Mr Justice Melford Stevenson said the incident deserved to be brought to the attention of the railway authorities. He sent the mugger to jail for five years.

Terry Taylor, of Pendle Road, Furzedown, London, earlier had admitted assaulting Mrs Margaret Percy, aged 67, with intent to rob her.

Mr Robin Wilde, for the prosecution, said that when Mrs Percy screamed, Taylor put his hand to her mouth, knocking her teeth out.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.31 am. Sun sets: 5.0 pm
Moon sets: 12.1 am. Moon rises: 9.55 am
First quarter: Tomorrow.
Lighting up: 5.30 pm to 6.59 am.
High water: London Bridge, 5.48 am, 6.6m (21.7ft); 6.18 pm, 6.5m (21.2ft). Avonmouth, 10.54 am, 11.2m (36.8ft); 11.4 pm, 10.8m (35.3ft). Dover, 2.45 am, 6.1m (19.9ft); 3.11 pm, 5.6m (18.5ft). Hull, 10.9 am, 6.2m (20.2ft); 10.15 pm, 6.3m (20.7ft). Liverpool, 3.1 am, 7.9m (25.8ft); 3.19 pm, 7.9m (25.9ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 7.29 am. Sun sets: 5.1 pm
Moon sets: 1.4 am. Moon rises: 10.25 am
First quarter: 10.5 am.
Lighting up: 5.31 pm to 6.57 am.
High water: London Bridge, 6.30 am, 6.2m (20.3ft); 7.1 pm, 6.0m (19.8ft). Avonmouth, 11.26 am, 10.4m (34.2ft); 11.43 pm, 10.0m (32.7ft). Dover, 3.27 am, 5.7m (18.7ft); 4.2 pm, 5.3m (17.5ft). Hull, 10.53 am, 5.8m (19.1ft); 11.6 pm, 5.9m (19.3ft). Liverpool, 3.43 am, 7.5m (24.6ft); 4.3 pm, 7.5m (24.5ft).

Pressure will remain high to the E and low to the W of the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE England, East Anglia, E Midlands: Fog patches clearing slowly, bright or sunny spells later; wind SE, light or moderate; max temp 5°C (41°F).

Central S, SW England, Wales, W Midlands, Channel Islands: Mostly cloudy, rain or drizzle in places, wit hsome hill and coastal fog; wind SE, light or moderate; max temp 6° to 9°C (43° to 48°F).

E, NE, central N England: Fog patches, improving slowly, bright intervals later; wind E, light or moderate; max temp (39°F).

Outlook for tomorrow: Monday: Mostly dry cold in E; cloudy with in W; temp near norm

Sea passages: S Strait of Dover: Wind moderate; sea slight.

English Channel: Wind George's Channel: Wind light or moderate; sea Irish Sea: Wind SE, sea slight.

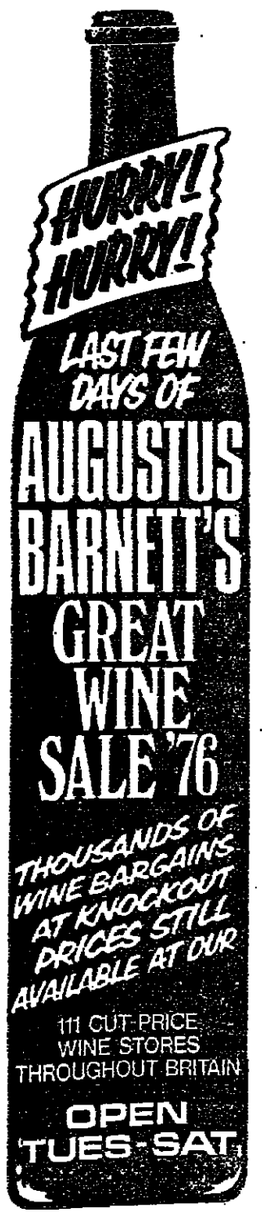
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London: Temp: max 6 pm, 9°C (48°F); min 6 am, 2°C (35°F); Rain pm, 79 per cent. 6 pm, nil. Sun, 0.9hr. Bar: mean sea 1.011.4 millibars, falling 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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Athens	c	13	55	Dublin	r	6	43	London	c	7	45
Barcelona	c	10	50	Edinburgh	r	4	39	Luxemburg	c	4	39
Beirut	s	17	63	Funchal	s	17	63	Madrid	c	3	37
Belfast	sn	4	39	Geneva	c	9	48	Majorca	c	13	55
Berlin	s	7	45	Gibraltar	c	14	57	Malaga	r	15	59
Biarritz	r	10	50	Glasgow	r	8	46	Malta	r	14	57
Birmingham	s	5	41	Helsinki	sn	4	39	Manchestr	r	11	52
Bristol	c	7	45	Innsbruck	c	1	34	Milan	c	8	46
Brussels	s	2	36	International Fog				Moscow	c	26	79
Budapest	s	3	37	Jersey	r	8	46	Munich	c	-1	30
Cardiff	c	5	41	L Palmas	s	19	66	Naples	d	12	54
Nice	c	16	61	Stockholm	s	4	39	Vienna	c	-1	30
New York	s	4	39	Tel Aviv	s	17	63	Warsaw	c	-1	30
Paris	c	6	43	Toronto	r	1	34	Zurich	c	-1	30
Rome	c	12	54	Tunis	r	11	52				
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Mr Alison also believed there was another area in which the Government was culpably negligent, the control of imported pornographic films by the Board of Customs and Excise.

He said there was an "understanding" with the commercial film industry as a substitute for proper scrutiny. "This understanding is clearly quite inadequate, as well as being extra-statutory, and the result is that grossly indecent films are on public display in London which customs and excise had a duty to seize under the statute and failed to seize."

At the instance of a member of the public, he had referred this systematic failure to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) for investigation.

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Father jailed for incest

A Bradford man aged 33 who admitted four charges involving his daughter was a regular reader of pornography, Mr Michael Meredith, for the prosecution, said at Leeds Crown Court yesterday.

The man, father of five children, admitted two charges of indecently assaulting his daughter when she was 13 and 14 and two charges of incest involving her. He was jailed for four years.

Landlords seek ban on showing sex films

The landlords of a cinema in Soho, London are seeking in the High Court a ban on the showing of four sex films in their premises. G. & W. Walker Ltd say that the films, *They Love Sex, Lusty Lovers, Erotic Inferno* and *Acts of Love*, are lewd and pornographic and in breach of a covenant in the lease.

That is disputed by Craway Securities Ltd, who lease and manage the Astral 1 and Astral 2 in Brewer Street. They asked Mr Justice Goulding yesterday to transfer the action from the Chancery Division to the Queen's Bench Division, where a judge can sit with a jury.

Mr Alexander Irvine, counsel for Craway, said the question whether a film was lewd or pornographic depended on standards of public decency. It was therefore particularly suitable for determination by a jury. All four films had been given an X certificate by the British Board of Film Censors.

The judge made no order on the plea to transfer the case.

The landlords' move to ban the films and for an interim injunction to stop the showing of lewd and pornographic films was adjourned.

Fire victim found

The body of Mr Douglas Mills, aged 26, a resident missing since fire wrecked the Royal Hotel flatlets building on the seafront at Brighton, Sussex, was found in the debris yesterday after a month



Aspects of wine tasting at the Horticultural Hall, London. A 50p entrance ticket entitles visitors to six glasses.

Healh authority spending criticized

From Arthuisman
Solihull

Solihull Area Health Authority has been told by representatives of its workers that economy easures designed to counter the authority's severe financial crisis were being directe at staff, "but there is lit evidence of example being set by management".

The authority, which is expected to be overspent by £320,000 at the end of the present financial year, faces criticism from its staff on a number of internal matters. They include the leasing of new offices at a cost of £108,000 a year while offices the authority vacated remain empty but are still costing £16,000 a year in rent.

The authority's staff panel, according to an employee yesterday, had questioned the justice of proposing cuts in staffing when heavy costs for accommodation had been incurred for the area headquarters. If it was decided that it was necessary to economize on staff, particularly at area headquarters, the staff demanded to be satisfied that all unnecessary expenditure was being controlled.

The panel also questioned the debarring of staff and public from the authority's meetings, thus giving rise, they said, to speculation and rumour.

'Trotskyist threat' of Young Socialists

By Martin Huckerby
Political Staff

Mr Prentice, Minister for Overseas Development, yesterday criticized Young Socialists in the Labour Party as being part of a Trotskyist threat to the party which the National Executive Committee was incapable of tackling.

"For far too long the Trotskyists of the so-called 'militant tendency' have been allowed to dominate the Labour Party Young Socialists and the National Organization of Labour Students. It is time they were effectively challenged", he said.

Mr Prentice, who is fighting attempts to oust him as Labour MP for Newham, North-east, faces opposition from left-wing representatives of youth groups within his own constituency party.

Speaking to the new Oxford University Democratic Labour Club, he said the state of the Young Socialist groups was simply one aspect of the dangers of Trotskyist influences within the Labour Party. "The National Executive Committee were presented with a powerful report on those dangers by the national agent a few weeks ago. It is typical of their supine leadership that they refused even to discuss that report."

Mr Prentice pointed out that the report said almost the whole national committee of the Young Socialists was connected with the militant group.

He saw a tendency for older members of the party to say that was just youthful idealism. "In fact it is neither youthful nor idealistic. It is narrow-minded, bitter and terribly old fashioned. Its leading exponents have never got beyond the class-war dogma of the 1920s."

Mr Prentice said that every time he obtained a copy of *Left*, the official journal of the Young Socialists, he got the impression it had been written by "some Rip van Winkle who went to sleep during the general strike of 1926 and has just woken up, unaware that the world has moved on by half a century."

He believed there was an urgent need for social democratic leadership among students and among young people generally.

"Democracy badly needs to be invigorated by a great increase of activity at the grass roots, and particularly by more younger people becoming personally involved. People who believe positively in democratic values should not leave the field open to minority groups of way-out extremists."

The task of translating social democratic ideals into policies for the 1970s and 1980s could not be left to overburdened ministers or to "that curious piece of antique furniture, the National Executive Committee". If the Labour Party was to have a future which measured up to its past, he believed the young people who supported social democracy must get into action.

TV transmitter opening

The new 625-line BBC television transmitting station for Orkney, on Keelylang Hill, near Kirkwall, will be in operation by February 20, Mr Alastair Hetherington, Controller of BBC, Scotland, said yesterday.

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Mr Twigger, who served in the 1914-18 War and the Second World War, and the other two men were all inmates at Drake Court, an old people's home at Brooklands Park, Blackheath, London.

Man who started fatal fire given 10 years' jail

Mr Justice Croom-Johnson described a man of 19 at the Central Criminal Court yesterday as "clever, unscrupulous, evil and very dangerous".

He jailed Paul Michael Neale, of no fixed address, for a total of 10 years after a jury found him guilty of arson and manslaughter.

Mr Henry Pownall, for the prosecution, said that Mr Neale and his codefendant, Terence Alan-Burr, aged 20, also of no fixed address, were residents at a probation hotel in Finchley, London, when the fire broke out in August, 1974. They set fire to the hostel to get revenge on the warden who had told Mr Neale to leave. A young man living in he hostel died in the fire.

Mr Neale and Mr Burr both denied starting the fire and murdering Starslaus Swiatek. The jury found them guilty of arson, not guilty of murder, but guilty of manlaughter. Mr Burr was jailed for six years.

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pal aim of independence. It should not waste time attempting to provide local government.

But now that the Scottish Assembly has been promised, and local government has been reorganized into more powerful units and the party has more resources for campaigning, most nationalists believe local elections cannot be ignored.

Another fact in favour of the Conservatives, who have a majority on the Grampian Regional Council, could be the successful way it has taken over after reorganization.

Rate rises have been restrained, councillors and administrators have escaped the controversies which broke around their contemporaries in the Strathclyde and Central regions, and while North Sea oil has created difficulties, that lucrative industry has kept employment and activity in the region at a high level.

Mr Alexander Murch, convener of the Regional Council, said yesterday: "So much of the SNP success has depended upon the abysmal record of the Government. If a Conservative government had performed as poorly as this, there would have been the same swing towards the nationalists."

He hoped now that more local candidates in the former Aberdeenshire would stand clearly labelled as Conservatives, and not follow the old Aberdeenshire tradition of standing as independents.

The SNP, however, has not been dismayed by the result. Members believe that a tradition for independence and a feeling locally that there was no reason for change led people to maintain their Tory vote.

[illegible] has been no long tradition in the SNP for fighting these local elections, but last May our three candidates in the Grampian region won an average of 30 per cent of the vote. In the latest election we improved on that.

"Obviously it was not as spectacular as the East Kilbride result, where we improved our vote fivefold. Even so, it was not bad; in East Kilbride the Tories got 13 per cent of the vote and thought they had done well."

MP urges alliance to fight separation

By Our Political Staff

An all-party alliance to defeat those seeking separatism for Scotland was demanded yesterday by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, a Conservative spokesman on Scottish affairs.

Mr Rifkind, MP for Edinburgh, Pentlands, said it was becoming increasingly necessary for the majority in Scotland to show the same passion, conviction and purpose as the separatists, who wanted the break-up of Great Britain.

"It is perhaps desirable that an alliance should be forged between all who seek the improvement of our institutions rather than the destruction and replacement of them. It is an alliance that will bring together those who seek devolution and those who are fearful of it. The common enemy must be those to whom devolution is merely a step on the road to the separatist goal."

He called for an alliance which would be all-party and non-party, including Conservatives, Socialists and Liberals, and embracing "the many thousands of Scots who have voted for the Scottish National Party while hostile to its separatist objective".

Mr Alexander Fletcher, Conservative MP for Edinburgh, North, gave a warning yesterday that Scotland could be heading for independence, although opinion polls suggested that fewer than one person in five wanted to break with Britain.

The reason, he said, was that the Scottish nationalist vote had to be accepted at its face value, because the SNP claimed that each vote for it was a vote for an "independent" Scotland.

Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, said in a speech at Brighton he thought it was clear that a majority of Scots rejected the notion of a wholly independent Scotland. Given the right measure of control over areas where the Scottish dimension was particularly important, he believed the Scots wanted to preserve the union.

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wanted office but could hope to stay there only with Irish support. He was concerned about the split in his party between the Joseph Chamberlain faction and the Lord Hartington faction. A big constitutional issue would distract attention from divisive social questions. He continued: Mr Gladstone took office and declared at once his intention to give Ireland home rule. But when the Liberal Cabinet came to draft the necessary Bill, some of its leading members began to doubt whether any measure of devolution would not inevitably lead to Irish independence and the break up of the United Kingdom.

Mr Gladstone determined to press on. Joseph Chamberlain and Lord Hardington resigned and, with their followers from the left and right wings of the Liberal Party, made common cause with the Tories against the Home Rule Bill. The Bill was defeated. Mr Gladstone resigned. The Liberal Party was shattered.

Mr Amery said he did not know what sympathies Mr Wilson might have had with Scottish nationalism in the past.

But he would have noticed the attempts of the Conservatives in opposition to woo the Scottish nationalists and that his hopes of remaining in office rested with the Scottish nationalists and Liberals. . . . There was also a split in the Labour Party, with men like Mr Heffer on the left and Mr Jenkins on the right. Scottish home rule could be the issue to distract the party's attention from other issues.

Direct elections 'would lead to federal state'

By Our Political Staff

The real intention behind the introduction of direct elections to the European Parliament was the ultimate creation of a federal or unitary state, Mr Neil Marten, Conservative MP for Banbury, suggested in a speech at Swansea yesterday.

He said Mr Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, had rejected the idea of including in the forthcoming White Paper on direct elections a statement of the powers which the European Parliament would possess.

"Clearly he wants to avoid discussion on this subject. And why? Because he and his followers know well that any such discussions will blow wide open the real intention behind direct elections", he said.

Welsh farming leaders reject devolution plans

Leaders of 20,000 Welsh farmers have rejected the White Paper on devolution for Wales. The National Farmers' Union's council for Wales, meeting yesterday in Aberystwyth, said that devolution should not be imposed unless the people of Wales clearly showed their approval in a referendum.

Mr David Carey-Evans, the council chairman, said that the decision was taken after consideration of detailed observations and resolutions from every NFU county branch in Wales. They showed a wide rejection of the proposals, he added.

Benn statement sought on nuclear project

By Our Political Staff

Mr John Biffen, Conservative spokesman on energy, called yesterday for a clear statement from Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, on the virtues of the Culham laboratories of the Atomic Energy Authority, Oxfordshire, as the site for the joint European torus project, a nuclear reactor producing energy by the fusion of light atoms such as hydrogen.



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A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF BRITAIN

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Appeal for less materialism and a more simple and Christian way of life can best be achieved by bringing as many people back as possible to the realisation of the joys of seed time and harvest which are basic to human nature.

What follows—written just twenty-two years ago—is truer now even than it was then.

MAN TODAY

THE GOOD EARTH

by

NOEL ARMSTRONG, M.A., LL.B.
(Founder and Honorary Secretary of the Norwich and District Food Production Council.)

1. THE NATIONAL OUTLOOK

[illegible] who thinks deeply and who looks ahead can fail to be anxious as to the National Outlook. Economically Britain with a population of 52 million on a small island, has yet to recover from the effects of two wars within the past 50 years and her chances of doing so are made harder by the changing economic circumstances of this half century. The world struggle for industrial markets and increasing world demand for food is gradually shifting the balance between the rewards for agriculture and the rewards for industry. Great Britain's days of cheap food imports and relatively high priced exports of manufactured goods have gone for ever. Britain can never again be the world's chief supplier of manufactured goods—she can never again be an agricultural country but unless she can materially alter the balance of home food production in relation to exports and imports she is likely to suffer a perpetual series of economic crises.

Morally and spiritually there is the same cause for anxiety, empty churches, broken marriages, juvenile crime, a restless craving by our urban masses for artifical and passive pleasure rather than energy to create one's own amusements; a materialistic desire in all sections of the community to get us as much as possible for as little service as possible; a general weakening of commercial and other morality throughout the entire nation and in insidious apathy which is creeping gradually over the people to the detriment of enthusiasm, leadership and hard work.

Although in all sections of the community there appears a general realization that there can be no economic improvement without first an improvement in the moral and spiritual conscience of the people, there is general apathy and a lack of knowledge as to how that improvement can come about. Some say the reason lies in the failure of the churches, some in the way our schools bring us up, some that it is just that Britain has started the days of her decline as long ago the ancient empires of Greece and Rome started theirs.

2. THE GOOD EARTH

In Norwich there is another school of thought—that man was intended by his Creator to have contact with the good earth and with nature and that many of our social, moral and spiritual troubles may be due to the fact that the Industrial Revolution divorced the large majority of our urban masses from those natural contacts: the result being that mankind is beginning to deteriorate even as a wild animal deteriorates in captivity.

"It is because", as John Green says, "large masses of people are deprived of the natural associations of living that they are apt to become bored and depressed by human existence. Dependence on the seasons and on the life cycle of animals is something which the human race may well need and if so it is something which must be satisfied. This is no romantic claim for a new way of life but rather a claim for recognition of an existing need in an industrial society for some of the forgotten skills and associations."

We must realize that the large town, and the problems created thereby, are something reasonably new in our history. In the Middle Ages many of the townsmen had bits of land of their own in the town fields and cultivated them freely of their own accord. They combined the practice of a craft with a small holding or the keeping of a beast or two, and thus achieved a balanced economy which, in the opinion of Dr W. G. Hoskins, Reader of Economic History at Oxford University, was the best way of living ever achieved by mankind. It is impossible to say what proportion of a town population had some contact with agriculture in pre-Industrial Revolution days, but it was undoubtedly considerable.

(3) THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

Then came the Industrial Revolution, the growth of large towns and the beginning of the materialistic age, which in many cases has brought hunger to the soul and a craving for artificial amusements as an antidote for natural happiness which is lacking. While beween 1873 and 1914 Britain was flooding the world with manufactured goods, she was getting in exchange cheap food produced under conditions which the buyer himself would never have agreed to work. Taking the long view, cheap food has been a great disaster for Britain. It divorced our people in urban areas from the natural and simple pleasures of life and led them to the passive and artificial. It encouraged them to expect, as of right, food produced under conditions which they themselves would not have tolerated. It has taught a wrong standard of values in the belief that if you only have enough money, you have happiness. Cheap food taught our people that land is of no value—which is illustrated by the many idle plots in country and town alike—whereas in fact economically, physically and morally, if a man knows how to use it properly, a piece of land is the most valuable thing a man can possess. More disastrous than ever, the divorcement of our people from the balanced economy of the Middle Ages, and from natural contacts, has led to a deplorable lack of dependence of the individual on himself with a loss of that moral and spiritual independence which comes from self help, out of doors, in contact with the good earth and nature.

(4) THE PROBLEM OF FOOD

In very many ways the spiritual is reflected in the physical. The material body requires regular nourishment; the spiritual life equally requires regular sustenance which it derives from prayer, worship and Bible reading and the like. It is also true that the physical beauty of splendid or natural surroundings has a vital part to play in our lives. Modern urbanization is something unnatural and we play with nature at our peril. It is part of the duty of the Christian Church to point this out.

The Norwich and District Food Production Council—a committee of delegates representing schools and allotments, and domestic poultry and rabbit clubs—was formed in 1948 for economic reasons. It anticipated that Britain would never again be able to depend on cheap imported food as she did before the war and that the best safeguard against a permanent national food shortage was not to depend entirely on the farmers but for everyone with a garden or allotment to grow vegetables and raise small livestock such as poultry and rabbits for themselves.

As time went on this Council discovered moral and even spiritual values in its belief. It found that even as the fresh food from garden and allotment nourished people's bodies, so did the care of garden and stock give them quiet minds. The families that cultivated their gardens and allotments were happy and healthy. Mothers and children as well as fathers enjoyed it. The garden seemed to be a cure for many of the ills of town life—the nervous strain, the endless craving to be amused, the disposition to look for state aid instead of relying upon self help. The gardener, instead of grumbling about shortages and asking, "Why doesn't the government do something about it?", gained a great deal of satisfaction out of doing something for himself. Self help in contact with fresh air and the good earth gave an independence, wisdom and fullness of spirit that it was impossible to obtain in office or factory or in the heart of a big town. And economically self help in garden or allotment could help the family budget without adding to inflation as does a rise of wages.

(5) NEW LEADERSHIP

Now that hundreds of thousands of acres have been taken from farming for the housing of our populace in the outlying urban areas it is possible to remedy some of the evils to which I have referred earlier. But for that to happen there will have to be new ideas, new leadership and a new standard of values. Our economic and moral situations are bound up together and bear at the moment alarming similarities to those prevailing in the declining days of the ancient empires of Greece and Rome. The need to grow more food and to cook it properly will, as the years go by, become more demanding. In the future an outlying townsman may have his job in office or factory with slightly shorter hours but combined with the necessity to cultivate his garden or allotment with crops, rear small livestock and be better off than a townsman with a higher wage. The return to that balanced economy spoken of by Dr. W. G. Hoskins as the best way of living ever achieved by mankind will in time lead to a better standard of values and an economic, social, moral and spiritual improvement in our outlying townsman which will reflect itself for the better over the whole national life of Britain.

In the seven years of its existence the allotment holders, domestic poultry and rabbit keepers of Norwich and district, by being the first to attempt the redress of some of the worst evils of the Industrial Revolution, by calling attention to the value of self help and the importance of the individual and his contribution to his own and national well-being, have found a positive creed of living which can give hope in the days of difficulty which must inevitably face the 52,000,000 people in these islands in the days ahead.

If all of us who can, practise the Gospel of the good earth it will not only make a huge contribution to our national balance of payments deficit and help to counter inflation but it will do much to help the Archbishop of Canterbury's Appeal for less materialism and a more simple and Christian way of life. And from the earth and its increase we shall once again learn the pride of industry and the necessity for Faith.

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WEST EUROPE

Encouraging words for Britain from W German Chancellor

By Roger Berthoud

Like the headmaster of a famously successful public school who has come to give out the prizes at a struggling comprehensive, Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor last night had some encouraging words for Britain when he addressed the Foreign Affairs Club in London prior to today's talks at Chequers with Mr Wilson.

In the Federal Republic, he said in a remarkably relaxed and friendly speech at the Savoy Hotel, they were cheered by the better economic news coming from Britain. "I agree with the Prime Minister that the improvement in your balance of payments, the sharp reduction in your rate of inflation, the fall in the number of days lost through strikes last year are encouraging evidence that your economic strategy is working.

"When I say this, I do not intend to be patronizing in any way", he hastily added. "It is both a erman and a British interest that your economic recovery should be as consistent and speedy as possible." He had no doubt that the basic interests of Britain and Germany "lie closer than ever before".

After alluding to last summer's referendum as Britain's marriage with Europe, Herr Schmidt had some skittish compliments to make about the growing continental influence on the British way of life.

He had learnt from reliable sources, he said, that continental quilts (*duvets*, as we call them) were catching on in Britain, with sales soaring to 750,000 last year and expected



Herr Schmidt: 'You are not tucking yourselves away any longer.'

to hit 1,250,000 this year. "I think that is very important, because it shows that you are breaking out of an old tradition; that many of you are not tucking yourself away in isolation any longer, but that you are prepared to expose yourselves, mind and body."

Impressed though he was by this decent exposure, Herr Schmidt agreed with "Jim" Callaghan, as he called him, that we Europeans should not throw our identities overboard. The Community could not develop into an all-embracing European Union overnight by those "qualitative leaps" one heard so much about. "Each stage of integration must stand the test that the people in our country are willing to endorse it . . . because it holds advantages for them and opens up prospects of a better future."

Turning to the disparities between the member states of the EEC, he pointed out that if West Germany's per capita national income was put at 100, the figures for the other eight in 1974 were: Denmark 98, Luxembourg 97, Belgium 89, France 85, Holland 82, Britain 55, Italy 44 and Ireland 35 (the United States would have been 106, Japan 67). He thought the two-speed solution, allowing stronger member states to move faster towards economic and monetary union—advocated in the recent Tindemans report—had "severe negative implications", a view shared by the British Government. "We should be running the risk of the gap growing wider still".

But he admitted that the European monetary "snake" was not a bad example of co-operation between some members without the strength of others being overtaxed. He thought that if Jim Callaghan won his bet that the Government would get inflation down to 10 per cent by the end of this year, it would considerably improve Britain's chances of joining the "snake".

After pointing to the benefits Britain had derived from EEC membership, he gave a warning that Germany was not at present in any position to finance new EEC undertakings. In 1975 it had made a net contribution of £475m to the common agricultural fund, three times more than in 1972, while Britain gained £160m net.

Ministers in Italy accused of Mafia links

From Our Correspondent
Rome, Feb 6

Signor Giovanni Gioia, the Italian Minister of the Merchant Marine, Signor Salvatore Lima, the Budget Under-Secretary, and several other prominent Sicilian politicians have been named by Communist MPs as being closely involved with the Mafia.

The names and many details of alleged collusion between the Mafia and Christian Democrat politicians in Sicily were disclosed by the Communist members of the Parliamentary Anti-Mafia Commission in a minority report on the commission's finding.

The document was published yesterday, simultaneously with the official commission report on its 13 years of investigations into the activities of the "honoured society".

The Communists charge that the official report is unsatisfactory and disappointing since it misses the "central issue—the interpenetration between the Mafia and the state apparatus".

Signor Girolamo di Cansi, the Sicilian Communist, who has suffered attempts on his life for investigating the Mafia, told a press conference that the Mafia was not simply a Sicilian problem: "It is an integral part of central power in Italy."

The Christian Democrat Party newspaper *Il Popolo* replied that the Communist charges were simply propaganda aimed at damaging the Christian Democratic Party.

The official report recommended social and economic reforms as the most effective means of stamping out the mentality that breeds the Mafia. They also proposed a thorough reform of the police and judiciary in Sicily.

OVERSEA

Lockheed admit paying £500,000 to high Dutch official and more than £1m to Japanese

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Feb 6

To secure sales contracts, the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation made secret payments of more than $1m (£500,000) to a "high government official in Holland" and more than $2m to Japanese Government officials. Big payments were also made to government officials in Sweden and Italy.

These facts were admitted today by Mr A. C. Kotchian, the vice-chairman and former president of Lockheed, under oath at a hearing of the Senate subcommittee on multinational corporations. The name of the officials who received these payments were not disclosed.

Senator Charles Percy, a member of the committee, said it was vital there should be an international agreement between governments on a code of business ethics. "I believe corruption must do more to bring down democracies than anything else in the world".

Firm denials came from Holland recently when it was suggested in the *Wall Street Journal* that Prince Bernhard had received payments from Lockheed. Today Kotchian, who refused to name a name, said it was first suggested that the "high Dutch government official" be given a Lockheed aircraft, but difficulties over the transfer of the ownership title finally resulted in him being given cash instead.

The payment to this official totalled about $1m (Mr Kotchian admitted it could have been as much as $3m) in about 1961 or 1962 when Holland, in conjunction with West Germany, bought military aircraft from Lockheed. This same official recently received $100,000 after a sale of a commercial aircraft to Holland by Lockheed.

Mr Kotchian said he would not argue with the use of the word "bribe" in the context of these payments, but he would rather use the word "gift" as the money was intended to "establish a general climate of good will to foster our sales".

This last £510,000 payment came from a secret fund that Lockheed had established in Paris. Another payment from this fund, totalling $25,000, went to an official of the Royal Dutch Airline, KLM, who helped Lockheed with its promotion of the Rolls-Royce powered TriStar jet. A further $85,000 from this secret fund went to an Englishman living in France who worked for the Cathay Pacific Airline company, which purchased the TriStar.

But the money from this fund did not just go on bribes. Mr Kotchian noted that $10,000 went to an organization in London, which counted a former official of the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on its staff. This company was hired to "gather intelligence" on what Lockheed's competitors were doing.

Mr Kotchian said that the company had lost important contracts in Italy to a French manufacturer that made an Atlantique aircraft inferior to Lockheed's product. This, he added, had probably been sold because bribes were made to Italian Government officials. After these sales losses, the Lockheed company hired as consultant a lawyer in Rome, who suggested that successful sales could be made only through bribes to political leaders. Successful Lockheed sales resulted after hundreds of thousands of dollars had been paid to officials.

Mr Kotchian admitted today that in Japan more than $7m (£3,500,000) had gone as consultant fees to Mr Kodama Yoshio, a leader of an ultra-right militarist political party who was imprisoned after the Second World War for war crimes. Some of this money might have gone to politicians. In addition more than $2m went to Japanese Government officials through other channels.

The payments in Japan were always made through use of numerous intermediaries and they were hidden by use of codes and false receipts. Thus, for example, one Lockheed agent in Japan signed a receipt for "100 peanuts", which Mr Kutchian admitted today was in fact a payment to a government official of 100m yen.

The payments to Mr Kodama were partly for his efforts to ensure that Japanese Airlines delayed making a decision on which jumbo jet to buy—either the Boeing 747 or the Douglas DC10—until Lockheed was in a position to offer the competitive TriStar. Further, Mr Kotchian said payments were to gain access for the company to the "closely knit Japanese political and business establishment".

Peter Hazelhurst writes from Japan: Amidst angry shouts, Mr Takeo Miki, the Japanese Prime Minister, intervened today in a heated debate in Parliament over Opposition allegations that Lockheed had paid $12m in bribes to government officials and leading politicians. He promised high-level investigations into the affair.

The controversy had taken on new dimensions today when the Japanese press suggested that Mr Tanaka, the former Prime Minister, and President Nixon had also indirectly assisted Lockheed in securing the lucrative Japanese contract.

Several newspapers pointed out that just before Mr Tanaka and Mr Nixon met in Honolulu in August, 1972, All Nippon Airways had tentatively selected the Douglas DC10 as its new domestic airliner.

The subsequent decision to buy the TriStar surprised Japan at the time because the Mitsui Corporation, which was acting as the agent for Douglas, is a big stockholder of All Nippon Airways.

As more evidence poured in from Washington today it became abundantly clear that the issue has blown up into a major storm. All the opposition parties have decided to send representatives to the United States to investigate the allegations. The Komeito (Clean Government Party) dispatched a representative today and the Socialist Party will send a team to Washington tomorrow.

Replying to angry questions in the Diet today, the Prime Minister said the Government did not want to make a statement at present because the Senate subcommittee was still in session.

In spite of a widespread search the whereabouts of the key man in the scandal, Mr Kodama, is still unknown. It is reported that he is in hiding in a secret villa on the Izu peninsula south-east of Tokyo.

Two parliamentary committees decided today to summon Mr Kodama as a witness to testify before the Diet.

Ankara, Feb 6.—The Government is to investigate allegations that Lockheed spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes in Turkey, Mr Ismail Muftuogly, the Justice Minister, said today.—UPI.

Djibouti tension over arrest of party chiefs

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Feb 6

While tension between Fra and Somalia over a border d near Djibouti showed signs subsiding today, it remai high among the people of territory after the arrest yes day of two leaders of the l opposition party, the Afri Popular League for Inde dence.

The Somalian Ambassado Paris, in a statement to *Monde*, said that the boy seven who was taken Somalia by another inde dence movement, the Libera Front of the Somali C (FLCS), responsible for hijacking on Wednesday o school bus, would be take Mogadishu and handed bac the French authorities. Ambassador added that child was under medical su vision and "in excel health".

The Somalian Governm seems to be prepared to b pressure on the FLCS to ob the boy's return and Paris lieves that Somalia did not w a general confrontation France. However, the F insisted last night that it w only give up the child if demands were met. These v the immediate release of j tical prisoners and unco tional independence Djibouti.

Yesterday, the Soma Government called for a m ing of the United Nati Security Council and propo that a mission should be s to the border post of Loyad see for itself "the barbar effects of the aggression French troops". At the s time, it reported a concen tion of French and Ameri naval forces off the coast Somalia, which "is convin that a massive attack is b mounted against it", accor to the Ambassador

But the Ministry for Over Territories in Paris de Somalian Government rep of fresh frontier incidents terday.

The centre of Djibouti patrolled today by armed po after the arrest this morning a man with a pistol, who said to be planning an att against Mr Ali Aref, the h of the autonomous Governm

Explosions in Paris skyscraper

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Feb 6

Explosions last night in the 689ft Tour de Montparnasse, one of the tallest skyscrapers in Europe, were caused by time bombs, the Paris police said. The bombs were placed in the offices of the Iranian atomic energy organization

The explosions provided a test for the elaborate security devices of the tower, where 1,000 people go to work each day. They have revived fears of the kind of disaster brought home to thousands of Paris cinemagoers by the American terror film, *The Towering Inferno*.

When the explosions took place—three distinct ones were heard—the tower was practically deserted except for people dining in the top-floor restaurant. There was no panic and they were evacuated by the four lifts which were undamaged.

Paris, Feb 6.—The Paris offices of the West German airline Lufthansa were attacked with bricks and petrol bombs early today. A group calling itself the Committee for the Liberation of Serge Klarsfeld (a French Nazi-hunter recently detained in West Germany), later telephoned a French news agency to claim responsibility.

Herr Brandt wants to be a European MP

From David Cross
Brussels, Feb 6

In a move to give new political weight to the European Parliament, Herr Willy Brandt, the former West German Chancellor, said today he would like to be considered as a candidate for the first directly-elected assembly, which has been proposed for 1978.

"I have decided, as a German and a European Social Democrat, to stand for the European Parliament", he said in Brussels. "I would be delighted if this decision set a precedent. So I ask my friends, who like me have worked unremittingly for European construction; I ask democratic politicians, who like me have pledged themselves to European unity, to announce their candidatures too."

Herr Brandt, who is chairman of West Germany's ruling Social Democratic Party, said his decision did not imply that he was separating himself from political responsibilities in his own country. "On the contrary, German policy is inconceivable without Europe", he said.

He was addressing a congress convened by the European Movement to discuss the report for European union drawn up by Mr Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister.

Herr Brandt has always been a fervent supporter of a more powerful and democratic assembly in Europe. He said it was important for the Community to build a roof for the policies it was elaborating, but it must not forget the floor needed to hold it together. "This foundation can and must be the Parliament," he said.

"What we need is not an assembly of Titans and world reformers, but a Parliament which has the power to change realities." It must free itself from the "catacombs of resolutions and assertions" that were well-intentioned but not binding.

Europe must be fought for. Without determination there would be no European freedom, no European civil rights, no social Europe, he said.

Other speakers at the conference included M François Mitterrand, the French Socialist leader, who reaffirmed his party's support for direct elections to the European Parliament in 1978. He took issue with Mr Tindemans, however, for his disregard of what he called "the Europe of the workers". Mr Tindemans had not even mentioned the multinationals or the Community's relations with East Europe, he said. The Community could not ignore the existence of such important considerations.

EEC concession to France on Italian wine

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Feb 6

French winegrowers are to receive further protection from imports of cheap Italian wine after a decision taken by the European Commission in Brussels tonight. The move should dampen French winegrowers' fears of a new flood of cheap imports caused by the recent *de facto* devaluation of the Italian lira.

After several days of hesitation the EEC is to introduce border taxes totalling 6.2 per cent on farm trade between Italy and the rest of the Community from the beginning of next week. These so-called monetary compensatory amounts are required to ensure free trade in farm products and to guarantee farmers a fair income after currency fluctuations.

Although the new taxes are lower than the effective devaluation of the lira, which is running at about 9 per cent, the Commission has calculated its 6.2 per cent rate on the average decline in the value of the lira over the past two weeks.



Mr Garfield Todd, former Rhodesian Prime Minister, and his wife yesterday before they left for Britain.

Four-year sentence on former Governor-General

From Our Correspondent
Colombo, Feb 6

Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, the former Governor-General of Ceylon, who lives in London, today was sentenced by a criminal justice commission to four years rigorous imprisonment and fines totalling 950,000 rupees (£61,000) for contravening exchange control laws by buying and selling sterling in illegal transactions.

Sir Oliver, who is 83, did not attend the trial.

Sir Oliver's son-in-law, Mr C. Sathanamthan, was sentenced to two years rigorous imprisonment and fined 120,000 rupees for assisting in Sir Oliver's deals. Sir Oliver's daughter, Mrs C Sathanamthan, was sentenced to two years rigorous imprisonment but the sentence was suspended for five years. She was also fined 551,000 rupees.

Mr A. R. M. Mukthar, a jeweller, was sentenced to four years rigorous imprisonment and fined 1.8m rupees. Mr Mukthar, who is 74 and ill, was not in court. His two sons, Mr Fahmy Mukthar and Mr Thowfeek Mukthar, were fined 10,000 rupees each.

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The Times Chess Competition



Mr P. F. Copping, right, winner of The Times Chess Competition, and Mr H. Golombek at the prize giving reception.

Mr Copping won The Times Chess Set and a £500 Thomson Holiday.

The presentation of the awards to the winners of The Times Chess Competition took place on Monday, February 2nd, at The Times Offices in Gray's Inn Road.

The first prize of a £500 Thomson Holiday and The Times Chess Set and Board were presented to Mr. P. F. Copping, a solicitor from Swindon, by Mr. M. J. Hussey, Managing Director of Times Newspapers Limited.

Each piece of The Times Chess Set has been individually designed and made by Ray Gannon, one of the few glass sculptors in Britain, at his studio in Hampshire. It is unique and a signed certificate of authenticity was presented by Mr. Gannon.

The two runners-up in the competition were presented with copies of The Times Atlas of the World, Comprehensive Edition.

The competition, for which there were over one thousand entries, included submissions from an international master, leading end-game-study composers and problemists and other well known players, asked entrants for the complete solution to a set problem, and for a composed game or position that best illustrated another application of the ideas used to solve the set problem.

The Judge for the competition was Mr Harry Golombek, The Times Chess Correspondent.

Hanover voting a 'serious rebuff' for Bonn coalition

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, Feb 6

The ruling coalition in Bonn today received a new and more serious rebuff from the Lower Saxony state parliament, which once again elected the opposition candidate as *Land* Prime Minister. The coalition of Social Democrats (SPD) and Free Democrats (FDP) have a combined majority of one over the Christian Democrats (CDU) in the Hanover legislature of 155 seats. On January 14, Herr Helmut Kasimier, the coalition candidate for the premiership, got only 75 votes because three coalition deputies deliberately spoilt their papers. The CDU candidate got 77 votes, but as neither achieved the constitutionally required absolute majority figure of 78, another ballot was held the next day.

In the second round, Dr Ernst Albrecht, the CDU contender, got 78 votes to Herr Kasimier's 74. Not only had three coalition deputies spoilt their papers but a fourth must have cast his vote for the CDU in the secret ballot.

Under the state constitution, Dr Albrecht then had three weeks in which to present a cabinet to Parliament, which would also have needed 78 votes to be confirmed in office. He failed to meet the deadline. Neither coalition party wanted to cooperate in a new alignment of parties.

This made today's third round necessary. Herr Kasimier stood down as candidate to make way for Herr Karl Ravens, federal Minister of Housing and Planning. The SPD leadership in Bonn chose this relative political heavyweight on the assumption that the defections had been prompted by disapproval of Herr Kasimier.

That this was a false deduction was proved beyond doubt today, when Dr Albrecht received 79 votes to the 75 cast for Herr Ravens, with one deliberately spoilt ballot paper. This time, two coalition deputies must have voted for the CDU candidate. There is still no clue to their motives or their identities.

Spain bans protest singer after scenes at concert

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Feb 6

The authorities today banned three concerts by the protest singer Raimón, arranged for tonight and the weekend, after incidents at his concert last night when thousands of people shouted for an amnesty and waved placards.

Raimón was welcomed back after eight years of bans with a standing ovation from the capacity audience of 6,000. Riot police were on guard inside and outside the sports pavilion of Real Madrid, the football team, but did not intervene.

The police said today that the three concerts were banned because of "lamentable incidents" and cited several slogans as being offensive, including "Dolores Ibarruri and Santiago Carrillo [a communist civil war leader and the exiled secretary of the Spanish Communist Party] to Madrid". Members of the audience also shouted offensive slogans against King Juan Carlos, the Government and the police.

Opposition leaders attended the concert and sat in the front row, among them Señor Marcelino Camacho, the workers' leader, and former political prisoner, Señor Raul Morodo, leader of the Popular Socialist Party, Señor Felipe Gonzales, secretary of the Spanish Workers' Socialist Party, and Señor Joaquin Garrigues Walker, of the Democratic Party.

Some people lit matches during the concert as a sign of the flame of liberty.

Raimón, a native of Valencia, was interrupted frequently by shouts of "Freedom, freedom".

While disappointed fans were learning that the concerts had been banned, the Cabinet met to study a proposal to allow greater freedom of assembly and demonstration. It was believed that, under a proposal, organizers would have to give only 72 hours' notice to the Government of a pending public meeting, and not seek specific permission as before.

So far as demonstrations were concerned, organizers would have to seek permission at least 10 days before from a civil governor, who could ban any demonstration if he considered its ends were "illicit".

Four African Presidents hold meeting on Angola

Maputo (formerly Lourenço Marques), Feb 6.—The heads of state of Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia, and Botswana met today in the Mozambique port of Quelimane. They will discuss Angola and the general situation in southern Africa, particularly Rhodesia. — Agence France-Presse.

Delhi, Feb 6.—India has recognised the left-wing MPLA Government in Angola, Mr Y. B. Chavan, Foreign Minister, announced in Parliament today. With the recognition extended by Ethiopia, Sierra Leone and Togo, the MPLA Government had a clear majority of the 46 members of the Organization of African Unity, he said.

Washington, Feb 6.—The United States should make contact with African nationalist movements in South Africa, Rhodesia and South-West Africa and open an immediate dialogue with the communist faction in Angola, the chairman of the Senate foreign relations subcommittee on Africa said today.

Calling for a new American policy toward Southern Africa, Senator Dick Clark, a Democrat from Iowa, said the Soviet Union gained advantages in Angola because it helped African movements there

Stewart Tendler writes:

The British mercenaries recruited to fight in Angola were told yesterday their airlift had been suspended because Zaire will not let them land.

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Strong words fly as US primaries draw near

From Fred Emery
Washington, Feb 6

Mr Maurice Udall, one of the Democratic presidential challengers, has emerged from the pack to denounce Mr Ronald Reagan and Governor George Wallace as "twin horsemen of the radical right". He said at a public meeting in Boston that they were dangerous men and a threat to the nation.

This is the harshest language yet used in the burgeoning political campaign which starts in earnest on February 24 with the New Hampshire primaries, and continues one week later with primaries in Massachusetts.

Mr Udall, a liberal Democrat, declared that Mr Reagan, challenger to Mr Ford for the Republican nomination, and Mr Wallace, a threat for all regular Democrats, symbolized "a mean-spirited political attack on our national unity itself".

He added: "They are not conservatives. They are ruled by ambition, and ambition drives them to pander to cheap prejudices, fears and resentments they can uncover or create." Mr Reagan and Mr Wallace are at the moment energetically shuttling between New England and Florida where the important primary is held on March 9.

Vice-President Rockefeller, increasingly taking his distance from the White House, has announced that he will give a series of "controversial" speeches round the country later this month. His spokesman suggested that he will take an elder-statesman approach, telling the people what should be heard from a man not running for office.

Somewhat condescendingly he added that Mr Rockefeller felt that the candidates include the President) have time to get down important issues.

The announcement so overshadowed Mr Ford's sortie this weekend in New Hampshire primary ings.

The Rockefeller en has naturally had repeatedly that Mr Roc is either campaigning ning for anything. This be taken with a hand salt because Mr Roc himself made it quite earlier this week that Ford were to be eli from the Republican ti his retirement would versed.

For the time being he Mr Ford to defeat Mr R challenge; but he is himself ready to step again. Mr Rockefeller is off his speaking tour live broadcast speech fr National Press Club February 19—a few days the first presidential elections in New Hamp

Mr Eugene McCarth ning this time as an in ent candidate, has chose running mate Mr Willia Ford, a grandson of Mr Ford, and one of four the automobile fortune.

Although Mr McCarth ted he did not pick M for this reason, the interpretation among observers is that the M campaign finances are s Now that the Supreme has changed the federa tions law, Mr Ford can bute an unlimited am whereas there was a (£25,000) limit under t as enacted.

Peking warning to 'capitalists' within the party

From Our Own Correspondent
Peking, Feb 6

The *People's Daily* today sharply attacked "power holders within the party who are taking the capitalist road in the interests of the landlord and bourgeois classes".

In language reminiscent of the early stages of the Cultural Revolution, the newspaper declared that there were still "unrepentant" followers of Liu Shao-chi and Lin Piao.

The attack on these unnamed deviationists in the Communist Party was linked to the recent campaign against "revisionism" in higher education and in scientific and technological circles.

China discredits Chou En-lai's political 'will'

Peking, Feb 6.—A document, purporting to be the political will of the late Chou En-lai, the former Chinese Prime Minister, was "groundless fabrication", the Chinese Foreign Ministry said today.

The "will" was published last month in a Japanese newspaper which said it had been intended for distribution among members of the Chinese Communist Party's central committee.

Experts on China had cast doubt on its authenticity, saying it would have been uncharacteristic for Chou, who died on January 8, to leave behind a personal political statement.—Reuter.

Bulgarian reservations in Balkans talks

From Our Correspondent
Athens, Feb 6

Strong Bulgarian reservations have weakened the success of the first Balkan meeting which ended in Athens last night. The proposals for regional cooperation which were discussed in the past 11 days were finally referred to the governments concerned for study, and so was the decision to hold a further meeting.

Bulgaria, Greece, Romania, Turkey and Yugoslavia sent experts to Athens at the invitation of Mr Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, to explore the potential for economic and technical collaboration as a first step towards dispelling the traditional mistrust that has divided the Balkans.

The mistrust is still there, but all agree that a good beginning was made. Mr Karamanlis himself said that even more important than the "fruitful" work of the experts was "the spirit of mutual understanding and confidence which this meeting engendered".

A joint communiqué said the delegations had not only established the usefulness of Balkan cooperation, but had made detailed suggestions and proposals for joint work in the economic and technical fields.

However, it seems that the Bulgarian delegation had a very limited mandate from its Government. This lowered the common denominator of possibilities for bolder initiatives.

The most enthusiastic participant was Romania and the closing remarks by its delegate showed that the ultimate objective was political cooperation.

It is now clear that future contacts depend on how cooperative Bulgaria wants to be.

The Kennedys at h

The Kennedys' care f father, crippled by s was moving and sinc when away from the bus of state, their language often bawdy and their occupations surpris banal. Tomorrow in *Sunday Times Maga* managing editor *Washington* Pho more fascinating the life of former P John Kennedy and hi in *Conversation Kennedy*.

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Despair shows in the faces of earthquake victims in Guatemala City.

miles north of here, was under 6ft of rubble and hardly a building was intact. Firemen found 500 bodies in the debris.

The people of Joyabax yesterday had less than a quarter of a pint of pure water each to cook the emergency grains being handed out by American and Canadian volunteers.

A spokesman for the Guatemala National Emergency Council said the Army was distributing food to almost 500,000 people who lost their belongings in the earthquake. In the capital officials said they feared epidemics in the slum districts.

The Emergency Council spokesman said the Government had about 15 days' supply of food in storage but after that it would have to rely heavily on foreign aid.

Local medical teams were being flown by helicopter to the remote areas.—AP and Reuter.

Our Geneva Correspondent writes: In what the League of Red Cross Societies calls "an extensive movement of solidarity", 12 national societies have already donated cash or relief supplies totalling £230,000 within 24 hours of the League issuing an appeal. This does not include large-scale assistance immediately provided by societies in countries close to the disaster area.

The United Nations Disaster Relief Office, which has sent out requests to 60 governments and 30 aid organizations, estimated today at about £500,000 in medical supplies is needed.

British donors: An emergency unit deal with donations from public towards relief work Guatemala was opened by the British Red Cross Society yesday. "Once the enormity of his calamity is known we e expecting an avalanche of donations", a spokesman sa.

Christian Aid yesterday sent a further £50 to aid victims of the earthquake. This followed Thursday's grant of £5,000 for use by Oxfam's field director in the disaster area.

Another £2,0 has been sent by the Cathol Fund for Overseas Development through the international ganization Caritas.

PARLIAMENT, Feb 6, 1976

MPs welcome interim Bill of rights for some unborn children

House of Commons

MR CARTER (Birmingham, Northfield, Lab), moving the second reading of the Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) Bill, said its origins lay in the aftermath of the Thalidomide tragedy. The horror of that tragedy hit a society totally unprepared to cope with it, save in the natural human response of sympathy and the wish that somehow compensation should be made available.

The rights of the as yet unborn child were vague. Given the dubious state of the law and the protracted difficulties of those children involved in the Thalidomide tragedy, they should take urgent steps to ensure that children born in the future with disabilities believed to be due to fault or neglect should have a clear and unequivocal right to seek compensation through the courts.

There was ample evidence already that children were being born with deformities that could be traced to faulty processes and products. Even if the Thalidomide tragedy had never occurred there would be a need for urgent legislation.

He expected that all MPs shared his wish that they should make provision to every child born disabled to receive compensation without proof of fault. This was not possible. Not only would it preempt the work of the Royal Commission on Civil Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury, but it would require financial and administrative arrangements beyond the scope of the present Bill.

They could at this stage cast some light into this dark corner of the law and make whatever improvements were possible within the confines of the tort system.

The Royal Commission might well recommend a system which removed the need for fault to be proved in these cases but it would be some time before any recommendations the Royal Commission made could take effect. In that period many children would be born with disabilities.

In some cases disability could be ascribed to pre-natal occurrences and in such cases it was essential that any doubts as to the state of the law should be removed. For this reason, he thought it important to introduce the Bill, although it might turn out to be no more than an interim measure.

The Bill provided that if a parent was affected by a pre-natal occurrence which caused the child to be born with disabilities which would not otherwise have been present, any person who was or would have been liable in tort to the parent for that occurrence would be liable to the child whose injuries were to be regarded as arising from the occurrence and actionable accordingly.

In the matter of abortion, the Bill was neutral. It was not concerned with any question related to the rights of the foetus. It was concerned with disabilities suffered by a living child resulting from a wrongful act committed before the child's birth. The Bill imposed liability to the child only where there was liability in tort to the parent. There could be no liability in respect of self-inflicted injured in the womb.

Clause 2 of the Bill provided that a woman driving a motor vehicle when she was pregnant was to be regarded as being under the same duty to take care for the safety of her unborn child as the law imposed on her with respect to the safety of other people. Another clause provided that injury for which compensation might be payable under the Nuclear Installations Act of 1965 included pre-natal and pre-concepnal injury.

MR FARR (Harborough, C) said he supported the aims of the Bill, but it seemed strange that Clause 2 should single out a woman who was driving a car. Why should they also not make her responsible when she was using other forms of transport, such as riding a horse or bicycle?

Useful purpose

MR ALFRED MORRIS, Under Secretary for the Disabled (Manchester, Wythenshawe, Lab) said the Government supported the Bill. Concerned with legal liability, it would serve the useful purpose of ensuring that a disabled child whose disability arose from the wrongful act of another would not be impeded in a claim for damages by any doubt or obscurity in the law. The problems of disabled children were immensely wide and varied and in the majority of cases the solution of their problems did not lay in legal remedy. The Government were therefore anxious to maintain and improve all available means of support.

There have been press reports (he said) leading some people to believe that this Bill will provide for compensation to be payable to all children who are born handicapped. That is not so. I hope these reports have not raised expectations among parents which go beyond what the Bill provides.

Handicapped children in the main will still rely for help on services provided by statutory and voluntary agencies. There is a wide range of such help available.

Other help was by the Family Fund administered for the Government by the Rowntree Trust. This was available, not only to congenitally handicapped children, but to severely handicapped children as a whole. In the three years since it was launched, 22,000 families had been helped at a cost of well over £6m.

Current economic difficulties had not been allowed to stand in the way of increased Government help for the fund. By the end of the month the Government would have added another £5m to the original £5m grant given by the previous administration.

The Government proposed to finance a programme of research into matters concerning disabled children and had the benefit of work already done by research workers of the Rowntree Trust in connexion with the Family Fund. The research unit was part of the Social Administration Department of York University. Research would be into social policies connected with child handicap and would initially be concerned with income and expenditure patterns of families with these children, and their needs and services.

The Government supported the Bill. The work of the Royal Commission did not remove the need to clarify and improve this branch of the law.

MR BOSCAWEN (Wells, C) said more parents of severely disabled children would be unable to establish a claim than would be successful. That was bound to cause considerable distress. The Bill must not be framed to give false hopes to a large number of people who thought they might have a claim.

MR CARTER-JONES (Eccles, Lab) said that efforts should be concentrated on giving aid to all who were disabled. The Bill would take off some of the financial burdens and help to reallocate scarce resources.

MR ABSE (Pontypool, Lab) said that no longer, as a consequence of the Bill, would those who by their negligence or recklessness provoked these disasters, be able to shield from the financial consequences of their actions because the law remained ambiguous.

He found it less than tolerable that there should have been any overt attempts to deter the House from passing any Bill at all. One attempt was an article last year by the Science Correspondent of *The Times*. He had misled himself as to what the law was and as a result came to erroneous conclusions. The other intervention was by Lord Pearson. His letter to *The Times* showed a singular lack of political sensibility.

Everyone should realize that if another disaster like the Thalidomide disaster hit the country and in this drug era this certainly could not be excluded, the electorate would be justifiably enraged to find that the legislators and lawyers had still failed to make provision for such a grim contingency.

MR PERCIVAL, for the Opposition (Southport, C), said there was a feeling among the public that deformities resulting from trauma were easy to prove. This was not so.

He understood that some doctors were concerned that what was proposed would create difficulties. He hoped if any medical bodies felt misgivings they would write to MPs.

Limited

MRS MILLIE MILLER (Redbridge, Ilford North, Lab) said the oral contraceptive market was, par excellence, an example of the multinational company in action. Over the years much well-documented research had been ignored in the introduction of these so-called protective remedies against pregnancy.

MR ASHLEY (Stoke on Trent, South, Lab) said a Bill on the statute book was worth more than a dozen in the distance and this limited measure would immediately convey clear and specific rights to a child injured in the womb.

MR ARCHER, Solicitor General (Warley, West Lab) said that the uncertainty of the law on claims for negligence operated harshly against the "little guy" who often was driven to accept a settlement for less than was strictly fair.

The Bill would enable those responsible for conducting claims on behalf of this sort of person to know where they stood and to weigh up a settlement for what it was worth.

The Bill related only to a limited class of children, those whose disabilities could be shown to have resulted from a pre-natal event the fault of another. It would not assist children whose disabilities were inherent or stemmed from pure accident.

He suspected that the majority of children with congenital disabilities would fall outside the Bill but there would be those for whom the proposals would be important.

Many situations would be left outside the Bill. The Government were mindful of the general problem of finding some means of giving adequate support to all children who were found at birth to be disabled. It was clear from Lord Pearson's letter to *The Times* that the Royal Commission for civil liabilities had this in mind.

MPs were looking forward to the report of the Royal Commission but they had to be realistic. They had been told that the commission would complete their work by the end of the year. Knowing how things worked in practice, there would have to be proper consideration of their recommendations and consultations inside and outside Government. MPs should not be too optimistic. He suspected that legislation was years rather than months away.

It would do nothing but good to remedy this specific grievance now. Whether this legislation would have to be amended in the light of the commission's report depended on what they reported. They might well find that their work today was more enduring than had sometimes been suggested. If not, it was likely to have a useful life, long enough to justify the time they spent on it.

He gave an unqualified undertaking that anything they did today and in the course of the deliberations on the Bill would not prejudice or prejudge consideration of whatever recommendations the Commission might make. This was not a case where the best was the enemy of the good. They could have both.

The Government had no intention of foreclosing discussion at this stage. Misgivings among the medical profession had been referred to. If they made recommendations which commended themselves to Mr Carter the Government would give every assistance to ensuring that they could be incorporated in the Bill.

The Bill was read a second time.

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Queen's Bench Division

Is road on industrial estate a 'road'?

Cox v White

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Kilner Brown and Mr Justice Watkins.

The Divisional Court considered the definition of a "road" when hearing a prosecutor's appeal, by case stated, against the acquittal, by Nottingham justices, of Alan White, aged 44, of Forest Town, Mansfield, of driving a motor vehicle while disqualified, driving while uninsured and driving without a test certificate on No 2 Road, Colwick Estate, Colwick, owned and maintained by Dobson Properties Ltd, contrary to sections 99, 143 and 44 of the Road Traffic Act, 1972, respectively.

Mr F. M. Pearce for the prosecutor; Mr P. J. Walmsley for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE KILNER BROWN said that the case did not turn on the offences themselves but on whether or not the charges were properly laid, the question being whether the defendant had been driving on a "road", within the meaning of section 196 of the Road Traffic Act, 1972. The section provided that "'road' means any highway and any other road to which the public has access . . ."

The justices found that there were no gates or barriers at the entrances to the estate, but that notices were erected saying: "Highways Act, 1959, section 34. Colwick Industrial Estate. No public vehicular right of way". There was no reference to pedestrians.

Harrison v Hill (1932) JC 13 and other authorities were cited to the justices. Whether or not the public had access to a road was a question of fact. The law was plain. A mere slight degree of access was not enough to satisfy the definition of "road". The question was one of degree. But the justices, instead of applying their minds to that issue, took the view that although the road was used by the public as members of the public, the attitude of the owners of the road to that use, to bring the road within the scope of the 1972 Act, must be consent rather than tolerance. Accordingly, applying their own local knowledge of the area, they accepted the defendant's contentions that by reason of the notices erected and the difference of road surface and colour, the distinction between the estate roads and the local highways was readily apparent to road users, and that there were no establishments on the estate such as shops, public houses, post offices or weighbridges, to which unrestricted classes of the public had access as of right, or were invited to enter.

The justices also accepted the submission that although the road was used by the public in their capacity as members of the public to pass through the estate as a more convenient alternative route, they did so only with the tolerance of the owner, since it was impractical to prevent them.

Whether or not it was a "road" was a question of fact for the justices to find. His Lordship did not know how they had come to their conclusion. Somehow they formed the view that use by consent and use by tolerance were relevant factors.

His Lordship would be disposed to say that since the justices found that the road was a place to which the public had access, it was a "road" within the Act. But because of the insufficiency of evidence whether the justices had applied the right test and of the introduction of the elements of consent and tolerance, the case ought to be remitted to the justices for further consideration.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, agreeing, said that he had sympathy with the justices, since they were clearly persuaded that the issues were more complicated than they really were. The justices, and all justices considering similar points, should be guided by *Harrison v Hill*.

Mr Justice Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Sharpe, Pritchard & Co for Mr D. W. Ritchie, Nottingham; H. Clegg & Co, Nottingham.

Court of Appeal

Premiums on insurance policies deductible

In re Whitfield's Estate

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stamp, Lord Justice Ormrod and Lord Justice Goff) allowed an appeal by the executors of Rebecca Augusta Whitfield from the order of Mr Justice Walton (*The Times*, July 24, 1974; [1975] Ch 293) that payments under certain assurance policies on the deceased's life to relatives in order to meet liability for estate duty were aggregable with the rest of her estate in ascertaining the rate of duty.

The deceased had been worried about the duty liability of relatives on certain inter vivos gifts which she had made, and her solicitor made arrangements to take out four assurance policies with premiums of £20,000 each at her expense. Her bank agreed to lend her £80,000 against securities. She gave two powers of attorney to her son, one of a general nature, the other specifically authorizing him to effect the proposed policies and to borrow for the purpose of paying the premiums on them. The son and the solicitor (the executors) met the bank manager and the insurers' representative at the bank in 1963. They opened an account in the deceased's name with an overdraft limit of £100,000. The son drew a cheque in favour of the insurers and handed it to their representative. To make the policies immediately effective, the representative handed the cheque to the manager and obtained a banker's draft for that amount. The deceased died the next day.

The Inland Revenue claimed that the £80,000 was aggregable with the rest of her estate in ascertaining the rate of duty payable, on the ground that in order for the transaction to be "wholly for the deceased's own use and benefit" within section 7(1)(a) of the Finance Act, 1894, and therefore deductible for the purpose of estate duty, the deceased must have become master of or had dominion over or had in his hands the consideration for the debt.

Section 7(1) reads: "In determining the value of an estate for the purpose of estate duty allowance shall be made . . . for debts and incumbrances; but an allowance shall not be made—(a) for debts incurred by the deceased, or incumbrances created by a disposition made by the deceased, unless such debts or incumbrances were incurred or created bona fide for full consideration in money or money's worth wholly for the deceased's own use and benefit and take effect out of his interest. . . ."

LORD JUSTICE STAMP, giving the judgment of the court, said that it was to be a term of each contract of assurance that the deceased should have no benefit thereunder but should hold the policy and all its benefits upon trust for the beneficiary named therein. By that means it was thought that the sum payable on the deceased's death, though liable to estate duty, would not be aggregable one with the other or with the rest of the estate in ascertaining the rate of duty.

The power of attorney of necessity empowered the attorney to borrow "for the purpose of paying the premiums on the . . . said policies on such terms and with or without security as he should think fit." The bank accordingly required that the money to be lent should be paid to the assurance society. His Lordship added that had the deceased been present the transactions would probably have taken place in the same way. A customer who had overdraft facilities with his bank naturally drew a cheque in favour of the payee to whom he wished to make a payment and did not first obtain mastery or dominion over the amount which he was permitted to overdraw.

A cheque was drawn by the attorney on the new account opened with the deceased in favour of the assurance society. In order that the contemplated contract of assurance should become binding, the society's representative presented the cheque which was credited to the bank's draft account and received in return a draft for £80,000. Their Lordships accepted that from that moment, and not before, the debt to the bank was "incurred".

As between the bank and the customer nothing was withheld by the bank from the consideration which supported the debt. The argument to the contrary failed to distinguish between the transaction by which the deceased borrowed the money and the transaction by which she paid it to the assurance society in return for the promises contained in the policy. The society was no party to the former transaction and the bank was no party to the contract of assurance. The bank was only concerned with the latter contract to see that the money lent to its customer was not dealt with otherwise than in accordance with her authority.

As between the bank and the deceased, the transaction was a normal banking transaction. The deceased incurred a liability to the bank to pay £80,000 in return for the bank paying to the assurance society by her order £80,000. Nothing in the way of bounty passed from the bank to the payee of the deceased's cheque, and their Lordships were unable to accept that the debt was incurred, or that the consideration was otherwise than "wholly for" the customer's "own use and benefit". A bank which complied with a customer's order to pay did not do so in any ordinary sense "for the use" or "benefit" of the payee, although the payee would no doubt normally use and benefit from the payment.

Finding nothing in section 7(1)(a) which in terms introduced the requirement that the consideration should have been received by the deceased or that he should have it under his personal control, their Lordships would allow the appeal.

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alive, even if it does not meet often, King Husain has prolonged the West Bank's legal status as part of the Hashemite kingdom and avoided forcing those who live there to choose either Jordanian or Palestinian citizenship. That may strengthen the hand of his supporters in the April elections in the West Bank.

Leading pro-Jordanians have been urging the formation of jointly approved lists to avoid electoral conflict with PLO backers, but in most towns nationalist candidates are going ahead with lists which contain few of the old Hashemite loyalists.

The Israeli military Government's decision to extend the vote to women over 21, which is opposed by Jordan loyalists, has increased determination to reject agreed lists. Many young women plan to stand for election to councils for the first time.

Mr Moshe Dayan, the former Defence Minister, today welcomed King Husain of Jordan's move towards negotiations with Israel, but urged the government to increase Jewish settlement in the West Bank and allow individual Jews to buy land there. He said the King's stand against the PLO was gaining support among Arabs.

Moshe Brilliant writes from Tel Aviv: Israel radio political analysts reported today that Jordan and Israel were considering proposals to give the Hashemite kingdom a functional role in the day to day affairs of the Israel-occupied West Bank.

The idea would be to strengthen Jordanian influence there at the expense of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Responsible officials said they had no knowledge of such contacts and that the proposals had never been discussed by the Cabinet. It has been standard policy in Jerusalem to deny reports of contacts with representatives of the Arab states.

The analysts said the exchanges had taken place through "various channels" on the ideas discussed in Washington by Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister.

The proposals include the appointment of some Jordanian officials, the encouragement of candidates acceptable to both countries to stand in the April municipal elections, and Amman's participation in financing local authorities in the West Bank.

Beirut, Feb 6.—Mr Yassir Arafat, leader of the PLO, will send a message to Arab heads of state condemning King Husain's decision, the Palestine News Agency reported.

It said Mr Arafat believed the decision violated the 1974 Rabat agreement that the PLO was the exclusive representative of the Palestinian people and had the right to administer the West Bank.—Agence France Presse.

In brief

Israeli mother gives up fight

Tel Aviv, Fe 6.—Mrs Josef Yondeff, the Israeli mother who for more than a year frustrated a series of HighCourt orders to send her two sons to her estranged husband in Berlin, yielded today and flew to Frankfurt with he boys.

The case which aroused passions in Israel had attracted international attention after Lufthansa and El Al pilots baulked at flying the violently resisting children, Menahem and Dov Yondeff, aged nine and eight.

UN building may face on to 'Zion Square'

group of members of the New York City council have decided to retaliate against the United Nations for its recent condemnation of Zionism. They are sponsoring a proposal to change the name of a small square opposite the organization's headquarters to Zion Square.

East Timor 'unsafe'

Canberra, Feb 6.—Representatives of Fretilin, the East Timor independence movement, have abandoned their attempts to fly a United Nations mission into the former Portuguese colony, saying that they can no longer guarantee its safety because of action by Indonesian troops.

Protest by dissident

Moscow, Feb 6.—Mr Gabriel Superfin, a friend and collaborator of the exiled Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, has been on hunger strike in Vladimir jail since January 22 because authorities took away his Bible and prayer book, dissident sources said.

Jailed prelate's strike

Jerusalem, Feb 6.—Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, former head of the Greek Catholic Church here, has been on hunger strike for a week in Ramle prison, where he is serving 14 years for aiding a terrorist organization. He was said to be in good condition.

Support for lecturer

Lusaka, Feb 6.—Seventy-two staff members of the University of Zambia issued a statement calling for the release from detention and reinstatement of Mr Lionel Cliffe, the British lecturer arrested six days ago under the country's state of emergency.

Soviet exercises end

Moscow, Feb 6.—Soviet Army and Air Force units completed 14-day exercises in Georgia and Armenia, the first to be attended by observers from Nato countries. Military men from Greece and Turkey watched the second week.

Kissinger travels

Washington, Feb 6. — Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, is to begin his long-delayed visit to Latin America on Monday week, travelling to Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, Costa Rica and Colombia during a nine-day trip.

Judge Sirica 'alert'

Washington, Feb 6.—Judge John Sirica, aged 71, who presided over the Watergate trials, was described as alert but still on the critical list at the George Washington University Hospital after his heart attack yesterday.

The other fish war

Belgrade, Feb 6.—The captain of an Albanian trawler was killed after ignoring a Yugoslav patrol boat's orders to stop fishing in Yugoslav territorial waters in the Adriatic last December, the news agency Tanjug said.

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'Shoot on sight' order to troops in Lebanon

From Paul Martin
Beirut, Feb 6

Fearing an extremist campaign to sabotage the Syrian-Lebanese summit meeting to end the Lebanon conflict, the Government has given "shoot on sight" orders to its patrols in Muslim and Christian areas. The measures were announced by Mr Karami, the Prime Minister, as President Franjieh prepared to drive to Damascus through areas of Lebanon now under Palestinian control.

Mr Franjieh's meeting with President Assad is to put the seal on the peace formula drawn up by the Syrians and imposed by force on all sides in Lebanon. The Syrians have declared that it will bring a "final settlement" to the crisis which plunged the country into 10 months of civil war.

Concern over the security situation has arisen after a rash of kidnappings and sectarian murders in the past few days. Both the Syrians and the Lebanese fear that extremists on either side might try to provoke a repeat of "Black Saturday", in which Christian gunmen went on a kidnap and murder spree, causing the collapse of peace efforts.

For this reason, the Syrian-dominated Higher Military Commission has gone into permanent emergency session for the coming 48 hours. Reflecting the ruthless manner in which the commission intends to deal with any kidnapping incidents, Mr Karami spoke out in a tone of uncompromising toughness.

"We will take all measures that will put an end to such acts and restore law and order", he said. One measure will empower joint patrols of Palestinian guerrillas and security forces in the Muslim areas and right-wing militias and security forces on the Christian side to shoot kidnappers on sight.

Earlier Abu Iyad, the Palestinian security chief, warned Palestinian guerrillas against lawless acts. He admitted that "elements who are counted" as Palestinian guerrillas had been engaging in looting in Muslim areas. These should be brought to justice, he said.

The agreement, which is expected to be announced after tomorrow's brief summit, will embody some of the Muslim demands for a greater share of power while taking into account Christian sensitivities.

Service votes Bill delayed

MR ONSLOW (Woking, C) moved the second reading of the Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill.

DR SHIRLEY SUMMERSKILL, Under Secretary, Home Office (Halifax, Lab) said the 1973 Speaker's Conference had recommended that the present arrangements for annual registration of members of the armed forces should cease.

She had hoped that room might have been found for a Bill on service voters' registration in the Government's legislative programme for the present session but this had not been possible. Therefore, the Government considered it would be wrong to stand in the way of this Bill. If the House gave it a second reading, the Government would have to consider what assistance could be made available to assist its passage.

Debate was adjourned amid protests that MR KERR (Hounslow, Feltham and Heston, Lab) who was speaking, had sat down before 4pm but the Deputy Speaker (Mr Godman Irvine) said devices available to him had shown that that was not so.

The Explosives (Age of Purchase etc) Bill, the Dangerous Wild Animals Bill and the Licensing (Amendment) Bill were read a second time.

House adjourned 4.5pm.

Wrong name

Pilcher v Pilcher

The use of the term "social inquiry report" was objectionable when referring to a welfare report, Sir George Baker, President, said in the Divisional Court of the Family Division. A social inquiry report was a creature of the Morrison committee and replaced probation reports. His Lordship was anxious to prevent criminal terminology being used in family matters.

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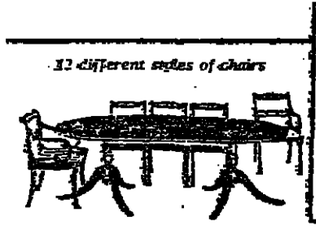
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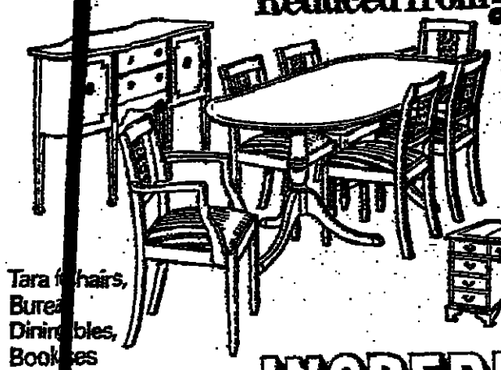
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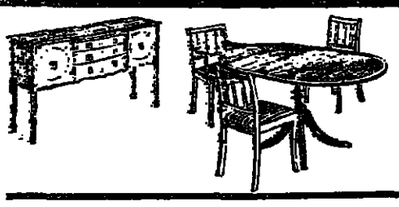
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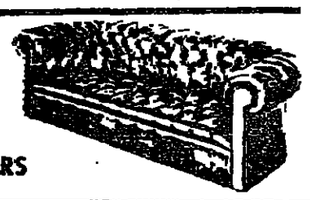
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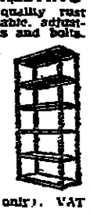
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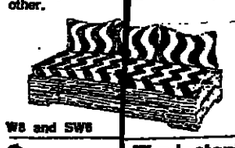
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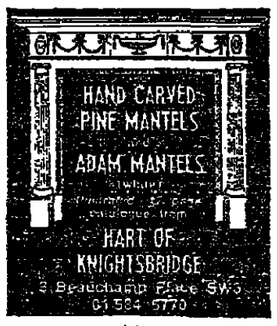
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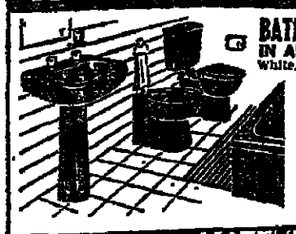
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pose was to explore and promote the project for a monument to be donated by the citizens of France to the United States, with marching American funds to set it up, to commemorate the approaching centennial of 1776. This project was not entirely, nor even predominantly, Bartholdi's own. Nor was he acting on behalf of the spontaneous generosity of the French nation, as is commonly believed. He was sent to America in 1871 as the agent of a small group of activist French intellectuals of moderate republican stamp who had something more specific in mind than international cordiality. Edouard-René Lefebvre de Laboulaye (1811-83) was the principal figure in this circle. It was at his dinner table that the project for the *Statue of Liberty* was first discussed and he may well be considered its father.

Laboulaye's career provides an easily identifiable thread running through the tangled skein of French politics in the last years of the Second Empire and the first of the Third Republic. An internationally distinguished jurist, he had been since 1849 Professor of Comparative Legislation at the Collège de France where his wit and imagination, no less than his strong republican convictions, made him a popular lecturer. His political outlook led him, early in his career, to the study of the great modern exemplar of republicanism, the United States. And after the death of de Tocqueville in 1859 he emerged as the leading French authority on American constitutional history. A prolific writer, he published a three-volume *Histoire des États-Unis* (1855-66), and a satirical story about a Parisian suddenly transported into an ongoing New York existence, *Paris in America* (1863), besides numerous tracts and articles which included a plea for the cause of the Union against the South, first published in the *Journal des débats* in 1862, translated into English and frequently reprinted in America.

Laboulaye was a leading practitioner of the use of the American example to criticise home policy. Of his major works, mainly written under the censorship of the Second Empire, none was of purely scholarly motivation. All of them involved some degree of political intent and nearly all had the same theme, whether cast as a *History of the United States*—written with the avowed purpose of discovering the "durable conditions of liberty" and prescribing as a great revolutionary hero not Napoleon but "shington who reconciled the world with Liberty"—or as *Paris in America*, his still amusing satire of French attitudes to things American, especially liberty.

Thus there is no reason to doubt the inner truth of Bartholdi's account (although written for fund-raising purposes in 1885) of the origins of the *Statue of Liberty* in a discussion about America at Laboulaye's dinner table at his estate at Glatigny (near Versailles) in 1865. Bartholdi was included in the gathering, attended by a number of his eventual backers, probably as a result of a portrait commission. He reports that after dinner the question of gratitude between nations arose, and that Laboulaye distinguished between the play of power politics in most international relations, such as those between France and Italy, and the "wholly different thing in the case of other nations or peoples with whom there was a genuine flow of sympathy, caused, it might be, by experiences common to the two nations, it might be by affinity of aspiration, or by the influence of certain feelings which served as a bond of union." Such was manifestly the case of the United States and France, he continued. Indeed, he went on to say that "if a monument were to be built in America as a memorial to ... independence, I should think it very natural if it were built by united effort, if it were a common work of both nations."

Laboulaye's reputed words, regardless of historical accuracy, contain much wishful thinking and exaggeration of an international friendship. In actuality, such fragile sentiments were overshadowed by emotions concerning national affairs. If any strong feelings were projected abroad, it was hatred of enemies. Moreover, during the Civil War, the French government had exploited the American inability to respond to the Mexican venture of Maximilian. Yet the old myth of alliance proved enduring; at least there remained enough good will and attachment to revolutionary memories to make the scheme of a common Franco-American monument seem workable to Laboulaye and his colleagues, particularly if their own efforts could bring about the initial gift across the sea. The monument as propaganda—particularly prevalent in France during and after the Revolution—was as old as the pyramids; but here for once it was to serve not the establishment, but the opposition.

The idealistic and rather fervent tone of Laboulaye's gathering—as described by Bartholdi—was characteristic not only of the generation of men at it, but, with respect to America, particularly of the year 1865. The assassination of Lincoln, following on the triumph of the Republic and its projection of libertarian hopes, produced an outpouring of French sentiment, no less, it seems, than a mass catharsis. These feelings are recorded in numerous letters sent to the American representative in Paris (and preserved by John Bigelow, who was to become an important intermediary in the communications of the statue organizers) from all parts of France, and from Frenchmen in all walks of life although principally from republicans and liberal monarchists.

But ideas were soon to be overtaken by events in France. The country had been invaded, defeated, humiliated by Prussia. In February 1871 the French elected a provisional assembly to make peace terms and to determine a permanent form of government. From the overwhelmingly conservative initial composition of this body it would have seemed that a return to some form of kingship was in store for France—as in the late 1790s, 1815, 1830 and 1853. But the conservatives were bitterly divided between themselves and there were two contenders for the crown, the Bourbon comte de Chambord and the Orleanist comte de Paris. For a short while it seemed that a compromise might be reached by giving the crown first to the comte de Chambord (grandson of Charles X) who had no heir and from whom it could then pass to the more politically aggressive comte de Paris. In the event, however, the comte de Chambord, though he paid lip-service to some constitutional ideas, refused to accept the Tricolor (in place of the Bourbon *fleur-de-lis*) as the national flag, either in 1871 or, decisively, in 1873 when the monarchist cause was finally lost.

It was the highly charged French political atmosphere of 1871 that the idea of the *Statue of Liberty* first became a serious possibility. The moderate republicans saw that every possible means was needed to advance their cause. What better way to increase the chances of their ultimate victory than by fortifying the republican image of France? And what better means was there to accomplish this than with a truly grandiose monument linking the history and destiny of France with the great modern republican state, the America that had not only triumphed over its internal enemies but was ascendant in every sphere, already marked to be one of the great world powers? If the monarchists had lost their cause by adherence to a flag—the republicans might succeed with the help of a weightier symbol.

Laboulaye had been grooming Bartholdi for this task since 1865. Bartholdi's letters to his mother in December 1869 contain cryptic references to "my American" and speak of his hopes concerning "this project". Already in June 1870, when the regime of Napoleon III was faltering, an exploratory trip to America was proposed, as Bartholdi indicates in a letter to his mother (June 2) "concerning the dream of America . . ." In those months he spent part of the time in his Paris studio working on preliminary ideas for this project, a stage of its development preserved in a single clay maquette in the Musée Bartholdi at Colmar (signed and dated 1870). A year later he was on his way to New York armed with instructions and letters of introduction from Laboulaye, who a month earlier at another political meeting at Glatigny had told him (as Bartholdi recalled it in 1885) "that without any doubt there would be at the hundredth anniversary of the Independence of the United States a movement patriotic and French in America. 'Go to see that country', said he to me. 'You will study it, you will bring back to us your impressions. Propose to our friends over there to make with us a monument, a common work, in remembrance of the ancient friendship of France and the United States. We will take up a subscription in France. If you find a happy idea, a plan that will excite public enthusiasm, we are convinced that it will be successful on both continents, and we will do a work that will have a far-reaching moral effect.'" Before leaving Bartholdi wrote to Laboulaye (May 8) "I will try to glorify the Republic and Liberty over there, in the hope that someday I will find it again here . . ."

Bartholdi's trip lasted the whole summer. To judge by his letters and other writings, America never had a more enthusiastic visitor, making the acquaintance of its liberal leaders (including Laboulaye's friend, the great abolitionist, Senator Sumner), monied potential backers, newspaper publishers, and even President Grant; travelling "from the East to the West, and from the North to the South", taking in everything with a keen eye; but above all else talking about and proselytizing his project (even dauntlessly in Salt Lake City). He met with sufficient positive response—or so he pretended—to justify an enthusiastic report to his backers on his return to France. He had found a site—Bedloe's Island in New York harbour, astride the very gateway to the new world. He had been given reason to hope that Congress could be persuaded to approve his plans. The spectacular location was to bear a monument of propor-tionate ambition: its programme we shall discover, may have already been in the making as early as 1870, but it appears to have taken definite shape only during his journey across America. And at a meeting convened at Glatigny in the fall of 1871 to hear about his voyage, Bartholdi affirmed the idea. Laboulaye had recently written, "Progress is nothing but Liberty in action". Now the theme of Bartholdi's monument, according to Laboulaye's colleague, the historian Henri Martin, was to be "a sublime phrase which sums up the progress of modern times: 'Liberty Enlightening the World'," to be represented "by a statue of colossal proportions which would surpass all that have ever existed since the most ancient times."

Whatever groundwork had been accomplished in 1871 the project had to wait some time for fruition. Although eager to hear of his progress, Bartholdi's colleagues were fully absorbed in the intense, sustained political struggle at home by the time he returned from America. But it was not only a question of priorities. Caution was the watchword of these republicans: precipitous action was to be avoided at all costs. Let Bartholdi work out the final model; let the word be spread; then wait and see what happens in the political arena. The idea was to keep the project as a trump to be played when all the cards were down.

Thus Bartholdi had to wait almost half a decade before the project was made public. Meanwhile, there was a testing of the intended mode of propaganda with a less pretentious, and correspondingly less dangerous work. In 1873 Thiers, a constitutional monarchist who had by then moved very close to the moderate republicans, in the closing months of his presidential office commissioned Bartholdi to execute a larger-than-life bronze statue of Lafayette to be given to the city of New York for its aid to Paris after the suffering of the siege of the winter of 1870-71. Exhibited in plaster in the Salon of 1873, it was as non-partisan a political gesture as could be conceived, and upon its delivery and erection in Union Square three years later during the centennial, it was a substantial success.

French political observers consequently were not shocked when, in 1875, simultaneously with the triumph of the moderate republicans, the project of Laboulaye and Bartholdi surfaced with a great fanfare. A so-called French-American Union was established (with Laboulaye at the head of the French side) to raise funds on both sides of the Atlantic and to coordinate publicity and other matters. Public announcements, begun late in 1874, reached a climax with a festive banquet at the Hôtel du Louvre on 6 November 1875, less than a month before the work of the republicans was accomplished and the constitutional assembly dissolved. The banquet was attended not only by an honour roll of the centre-left, but also by more conservative members of the executive. That the project met with acceptance from such a wide range of the political spectrum forms part of our picture of the operations of the liberals, who, as we have seen, had judiciously concentrated on the means of gathering France around them.

Shrewd observers of this scene might have perceived that the strategy of the promoters included an evasive tactic concerning the genesis of the programme of the monument. In complementary disclaimers, Laboulaye attributed the idea to Bartholdi's imagination, just as Bartholdi was to remember it as the inspiration of Laboulaye. The intention was for the statue to appear as impersonal in origin, as natural in theme, and as universal in appeal as possible. However, although it is difficult to prove conclusively, it is hard to imagine that it was not the patron who played the main role. Laboulaye, an older man whom Bartholdi appears to have revered, was not merely the guiding spirit of the whole effort. The monument's theme issues directly from the core of his political ideology. In Laboulaye's writings Liberty recurs as a *lietmotif*—indeed forms an underlying structural idea. "God and Liberty" (Voltaire's famous blessing on the head of Franklin's grandson) is even the motto of his American history (and fittingly, for in actual practice his libertarianism—like his colleagues'—was moderate and certainly without any taint of radical socialism). But it must be added that he had enough wit to see his position clearly, even caricaturing himself as the Frenchman in his *Paris in America*, who, returning to France "thinks and speaks only of liberty", and who, when finally considered a madman, defends himself in a most Gallic manner in the closing lines of the book: "The madness of love is cured when one is young; if old one dies of it; the madness of ambition yields sometimes to age and the contempt of mankind; the madness of liberty is never cured."

Yet there was a good deal more to the project than shrewd calculation. Liberty was, after all, not only politically expedient as a theme, but perfectly natural for any Franco-American monument—being, obviously, the common denominator between "*Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité*" and "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness". But it is very significant, nevertheless, that *Liberty*'s first public appearance should have coincided with its patrons' political victory: quite clearly it was meant, not originally but certainly in 1875, as a monument celebrating that very triumph. Liberty, "enlightening the world" from the shores of America, had at least tentatively won in France—as Gounod's "Liberty Cantata" of 1876 proclaimed (albeit referring primarily to America) and the statue was to celebrate that event also.

Why not then erect the colossus in Paris? After seeing her set up at the Parisian workshop before shipment to New York in 1885 Parisians certainly regretted having to relinquish her; and shortly afterwards a copy at a quarter-scale was erected on the Ile des Cygnes downstream from the Eiffel Tower. But to have put the question to *Liberty*'s patrons of 1875 would have been to misunderstand both the situation and their methods. Liberty's triumph was only a tentative one; a reversal of events was always possible and indeed, as we have already noted, was soon to be attempted and on more than one occasion. A colossus of *Liberty* in Paris would, of course, have been hyperpotent politically. It might also, like the comte de Chambord's *fleur-de-lis*, have been just a little too much for the France of those years to bear. But the *temporary* erection of the statue in Paris—bringing to mind the great tradition in France of extravagant and outsized festival decoration and statuary—would make the point without peril; and from its prominent permanent site across the Atlantic it would continue to be felt.

Liberty was thus more than an exile or expatriate; she was also an emissary. In fact—particularly when seen against the width of her support in France and the eventual assistance of the French state, which contributed a naval vessel for her shipment to New York in 1885—*Liberty* appears as part of a diffuse but strong historical phenomenon: the contemporary tendency of France to project herself abroad—to export herself, as it were.

Liberty's hand and torch, Philadelphia Centennial, 1876.

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CURZON, Curzon St., W.1. 499 3737 BURT LANCASTER in Visconti's CONVERSATION PIECE (X). Film at 2.0 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20, 8.35. Late Show Saturday at 11 p.m.

DOMINION, Tott Crt Rd (580 9563) James Caan in Sam Peckinpah's THE KILLER ELITE (X). Cont. progs. 1.10 (not Sun.), 3.20, 5.45, 8.15. Late show Sat. 11.15.

EMPIRE, Leicester Square. 437 1234. HUSTLE (X). Progs. Daily, 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.30 p.m. Sep. perfs. All seats bookable. No phone bookings.

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ICA, Mall. 930 6393. 3.0 ASTERIX THE GAUL & RED BALLOON (U). Kids ½ price. 5.0 Renoir's REGLE DU JEU (A). 9.0 Warhol's LONESOME COWBOYS (X).

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE (930 5252). THE RETURN OF THE PINK PANTHER (U). Cont. progs. Mon-Fri. 1.00, 3.00, 5.35, 8.10. Sat. 12.30, 3.00, 5.35, 8.10. Sun. 3.00, 5.35, 8.10. Circle seats may be booked.

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ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011/2). GREAT EXPECTATIONS (U). Sep. progs. Wk. 12.45, 4.15, 8.00. Sun. 3.15, 8.00. All seats may be booked.

ODEON, ST MARTIN'S LANE—HOME OF DISNEY MOVIES—THE JUNGLE BOOK (U). For info. 340 0071. Box Office 836 0691. Sep. progs. Wk. 2.30, 5.45, 8.45. Feature 3.05, 6.20, 9.20. Sat. progs. 11.15 am, 2.30, 5.45, 8.35. Sun. progs. 2.45, 5.35, 8.45. Bkble.

PARIS PULLMAN, Sth. Ken. 373 5898. Herzog's ENIGMA OF KASPAR HAUSER (A). Pgs. 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.

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1. JAWS (A). Daily: 1st perf. 1.00. 2nd perf. 3.50. 3rd perf. 6.00. 4th perf. 8.30. Late night show Fri. & Sat. 11.15.
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THEATRES

PRINCE CHARLES, Leic. Sq. 437 8181 2nd Great Year EMMANUELLE (X). Sep. perfs. dly. (inc. Sun.) 2.45, 6.15, 9.0. Late show. Fri. Sat. 11.45. Seats bkble. Lic. Bar.

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SCENE 1, 2, 3, 4 Leic. Sq. Wardour St., 439 4470.

SCENE 1. Cont. Dly. 12 Lte. Show: Fri. & Sat. 11 Ken Russell's LISZTOMANIA (X) Progs. 12.30, 2.20, 4.45, 7.05, 9.25. Lte. Show, Fri. & Sat. 11.45.

SCENE 2. 2nd YEAR. THE EXORCIST (X). Directed by William Friedkin. Sep. perfs. Dly. 12.30, 3.10, 6.15, 9.00. Lte Show Fri. & Sat. 11.30.

SCENE 3. 2nd YEAR THE TOWERING INFERNO (A). Sep. Perfs. Dly 2.00, 5.20, 8.40. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 11.45.

SCENE 4. Cont. Dly. 1.00 Late Show Fri. & Sat. 12.00. Ken Russell's TOMMY (AA) Progs. 1.15, 3.45, 6.30, 9.15 Late show Fri. & Sat. 12.00.

WARNER WEST END Leicester Square. Tel.: 0791. 1 HOUSE OF MORTAL SIN (X). Sep. progs. 3.30, 6.30, 8.30 Late Show Sat. 11.00 p.m.
2 BARRY LYNDON (A) film by STANLEY KUBRICK, star RYAN O'NEAL, MARISA BERENSON. Sep. progs. Dly. 2.15, 7.30 Late show Sat. 11.00 p.m. All seats may be booked.
3 OPERATION DAYBREAK (A) Sep. progs. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30 Late show Sat. 11.00 p.m.
4 AL PACINO in DOG DAY AFTERNOON (X). Cont. progs. 2.45, 5.00, 7.50. Late show Sat. 11.00.

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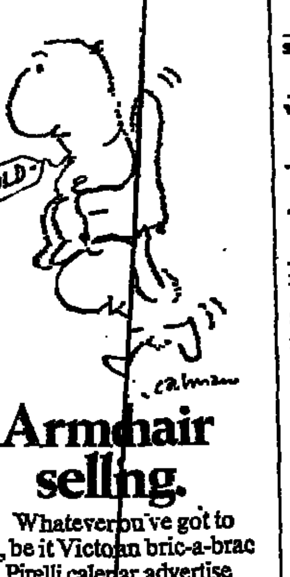
LONDON DUNGEON, Museum. Tooley St., SE1. Dly 403 0606

ART EXHIBITIONS

AGNEW GALLERY, 43 Bond St., W.1. 629 6176. 103rd Annual Watercolour Exhibition. Until 20th Feb. Mon.-Fri. 9.30-5.30; Thurs. until 7.

AUSTRALIA HOUSE, Strand, WC2. JOHN PETER RUSSELL "The Lost Impressionist" (1858-1930). Exhibition of Paintings, till Feb. 28. Mon.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 2-5.

BRITISH MUSEUM. THRACIAN TREASURES FROM BULGARIA. On loan from the People's Republic of Bulgaria. Until 28 March. Wkdys. 10-5 and 5.45-9 on Thurs only. Last admission 8.30. Suns. 2.30-6. Adm. free.



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148 New Bond Street. Romaine Brooks Centenary Exhibition. Mon.-Sat., 9.30-5.30 until 14 Feb.

FISCHER FINE ART, 30 King St., St. James's, S.W.1. 839 3942. ATTILIO FORGIOLI, 1st London Exhibition also works by Henry Moore and Graham Sutherland. Last day 10-12.30.

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GIMPEL FILS, 30 Davies St., W.1. 493 2488. WORKS ON PAPER. Opens 10th February.

HAYWARD GALLERY, South Bank, S.E.1. (Arts Council.) Millet: A Centenary Exhibition. Until 7 March. Mon.-Fri. 10-8. Sat. 10-6. Sun. 12-6. Adm. 40p. 10p all day Mon. 6-8 Tues.-Fri.

LEFEVRE GALLERY.—Contemporary Paintings and Drawings. Weekdays 10-5; Saturdays 10-1.—30 Bruton Street, London, W.1. 493 1572/3.

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CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME MUSIC IN THE CITY
Tuesday, 10 Feb., 1.05 to 1.50 p.m. Bishopsgate Hall 230 Bishopsgate, EC2 Admission 30p.
BALINT VAZSONYI piano
Beethoven Sonata in E flat Op.27/1. Sonata in A flat Op.110
Presented by the City Music Society.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC
Prince Consort Road, S.W.7
Tuesday, 10th February at 7.30 p.m.
SECOND ORCHESTRA
Overture: Russian and Ludmilla — Glinka
Rhapsody for Clarinet & Orchestra — Debussy
Geoffrey Reed
Music for Strings, Percussion & Celesta — Bartók
Symphony No. 2 (R.P.O. Commission) Gordon Crosse
Bolero — Ravel
Conductor—Michael Lankester
Thursday, 12th February at 7.30 p.m.
FIRST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Overture: Coriolan — Beethoven
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Michael Cook
Conductor—Doran Salomon
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Sunday 8 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	WILLIAM PERI violin, Anthony Twiner piano. Helen Jennings Concert Agency	Vivaldi arr Respighi: Sonata in D; Prokofiev: Sonata No. 2 in D, Op. 94; Faure: Sonata No. 1 in A, Op. 13; Ysaye: Sonata No. 6 for solo violin; Paganini arr Kochanski: La Campanella
Monday 9 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	ANDRE DE GROOTE piano. Ibbs & Tillett / Artists Management	Scarlatti: 3 Sonatas, K.319, K.384, K.4..; Schumann: Kreisleriana Op. 16; Rachmaninoff: Variations on a theme of Corelli, Op. 42; Messiaen: Four Preludes
Tuesday 10 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	NIGEL TREHERNE oboe, KRISTI BECKER piano. Young Musicians Series, New Era Int Concerts	Bach: Sonata in G minor; Schumann: 3 Romances, Op. 94; Debussy: 5 Preludes Book II; Berio: Sequenza VII for oboe solo; Works by CPE Bach, Casbert, Bartok
Wednesday 11 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	WERNER NEL baritone, Geoffrey Parsons piano. Basil Douglas Ltd	Schumann: Dichterliebe; Brahms: Eight German Folksongs; Wolf: Four Mörike Lieder
Thursday 12 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	JORMA FALCK baritone, RAIJA MAATTANEN-FALCK contralto, Ralph Gothoni piano. Ibbs & Tillett	Wolf: Harfenspieler (Goethe); Dvorak: Gipsy Songs; Moussorgsky: 4 Songs from 'The Nu..'; Brahms: Deutsche Volkslieder; Songs by Strauss, Schoenberg, Rautavaara
Friday 13 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	PACO DE LUCIA Flamenco Guitar. A.L.E Limited	Recital of Flamenco guitar music. 50p (all others sold)
Saturday 14 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	JOHN DENMAN clarinet, KATE JACOBS violin, TOM GLIGOROFF piano. Southern Musical Enterprises	Finzi: 5 Bagatelles; Dvorak: Sonatina in G, Op. 100; Khachaturian: Trio; Eric Hughes: Partita (1st perf); Ireland: Fantasy Sonata, Reger: 6 Pi..
Thursday 19 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	PASCAL DEVOYON piano. Helen Anderson Music Management	Chopin: Polonaise-Fantaisie, Op. 61; Chopin: Sonata in B flat minor, Op. 3..; Ravel: Miroirs; Ravel: Gaspard de la Nuit
Friday 20 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	ROBIN CANTER oboe, ELIZABETH ROUTIER piano. Ibbs & Tillett	Mozart: Sonata in F, K.13 for oboe & ..; Berio: Sequenza VII for oboe solo; Wagner: Ankunft bei den schwarzen Schwänen; Works by Schumann, Skriabin, C..; Routier, Ben-Haim, Kalliwoda

WIGMORE HALL — THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY
De Koos presents London debut of 3rd (Joint) Prizewinner Leeds International Piano Competition 1975

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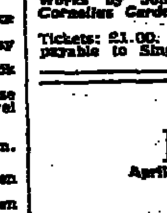
CHOPIN Polonaise-Fantaisie Op. 61; Sonata in B flat minor Op. 35
RAVEL Miroirs; Gaspard de la Nuit
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St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London
Saturday, February 21st, at 7.30 p.m.

MESSIAH - - Handel

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ENGLISH BAROQUE ORCHESTRA
Conductor: LEON LOVETT
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Broadcasting Saturday

Sporting occasions. Olga Korbut wows Los Angeles (ITV 3.10). Harvey Smith hopes for the Churchill sign from wrestling (ITV 4.0). The Winter Olympics offer a varied bill (BBC1 12.15 and 9.30). The stage supplies a sample of The Ik (BBC2 8.55). The cinema presents a James Stewart western (BBC1 6.30) or made-for-tv crime (ITV 7.45).—L.B.

BBC 1

9.00 am, Bagpuss. 9.15, Jeannie. 9.35, Whirlybirds. 10.00, Play Rugby. 10.25, On the Move. 10.35, Bewitched. 11.00, The Little House on the Prairie. 11.50, Laurel and Hardy.* 12.15 pm, Olympic Grandstand; 12.25, *Football Focus*; 12.50, 1.25, 1.55, Racing from Wetherby; 1.40, 2.10, 4.25, Winter Olympic Games; 2.40, Rugby, Wales v Scotland; 4.50, *Final Score*.
5.15 News.
5.30 Dr Who.
5.55 Cliff and Friends.
6.30 Film, Broken Arrow, with James Stewart, Jeff Chandler, Debra Paget.
8.00 Look Mike Yarwood.
8.30 Kojak.
9.20 News.
9.30 Winter Olympics and Match of the Day Special.
11.30 Parkinson, with Elton John, Michael Caine.
12.30 am, Weather.
* Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES: 9.35-10.00 am, Telliffant. 12.30 am, News for Wales. SCOTLAND: 4.55-5.15, Scoreboard. 5.25-5.30, Scoreboard. 10.00-10.30, Sportscene. 10.30-11.00, The Songs of Scotland. 12.30 am, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND: 1.55-3.35 pm, Grandstand. Rugby: France v Ireland. 3.25, Rejoin BBC 1 Grandstand. 5.05-5.15, Scoreboard. 5.25-5.30, Northern Ireland News. 12.30 am, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

HTV

10.00 am, Parents' Day. 10.30, Sesame Street. 11.30, Black Beauty. 12.00, Supersonic. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Yes, Honestly. 7.00, Celebrity Squares. 7.45, Film, Robert Mitchum, Jack Hawkins, Elsa Martinelli in Rampage! 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 6.30-7.00 pm, Carreg Filltir.

Westward

9.30 am, Angling. 10.00, Parents' Day. 10.25, Big Blue Marble. 10.50, Look and See. 10.55, The Geordie Scene. 11.20, Gus Honeybun. 11.25, Planet of the Apes. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Space 1999. 6.15, London. 7.45, Film, Fantastic Voyage. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Police Surgeon. 12.00, Faith for Life.

Anglia

9.00 am, London. 9.50, Checkmate. 10.15, Hammy Hamster. 10.30, Baldmoney. 10.45, Rainbow Country. 11.10, Clapperboard. 11.35, Tarzan. 12.30 pm, London. 5.45, The Flintstones. 6.15, London. 7.45, Film, Rampage! with Robert Mitchum, Elsa Martinelli. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, *Russell Harty*. 12.20 am, *At the End of the Day*.

Yorkshire

9.30 am, Angling. 10.00, *Parents' Day*. 10.30, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 10.55, Pipet. 11.00, Flower Stories. 11.10, Daniel Boone. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, Yus My Dear. 7.45, Rampage! with Robert Mitchum, Elsa Martinelli, Jack Hawkins, Sabu. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30-12.25 am, The Collaborators.

Border

9.30 am, Angling. 10.00, Parents' Day. 10.30, Dodo. 10.35, Paulus. 10.45, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 11.10, Daniel Boone. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Border Sports Results. 5.20, Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, Yus My Dear. 7.45, Film: Rampage! with Robert Mitchum. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30-11.55, The Protectors.

Grampian

10.40 am, Film: Tom Sawyer, with Josh Albee, Jane Wyatt. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, *Cartoon*. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, Yus My Dear. 7.45, Film: Rampage! with Robert Mitchum, Jack Hawkins. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Griff. 12.25 am, *Prayers*.

Ulster

10.30 am, Planting for Pleasure. 11.00, Hammy Hamster. 11.30, Sesame Street. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, The Brady Bunch. 5.45, London. 7.45, Film, Funeral in Berlin, with Michael Caine, Eva Renzi. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30-12.00, The Protectors.

BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University: Foundation Maths; 8.05, What is Civilization? 8.30, Pure Maths; 8.55, Dynamics of an Affluent Region; 9.20, The Public Library; 9.45, The University Library; 10.10, Personality and *Learning*; 10.35, *Maths*; 11.00, Reading Development; 11.25, 20th-century Poetry; 11.50, Copper as a Resource; 12.15 pm, Oil and *Aberdeen*; 12.40, *Introduction to the Organ*: 1.30-1.55, Brian Structure and Function. 3.05, Film: The Sun Comes Up, with Jeanette MacDonald, Lloyd Nolan, Claude Jarman, Jr., Lassie. 4.35, Play Away. 5.05, Money Programme: Public *Affluence—Private Squalor?* 5.50, Westminster. 6.20, Open Door: The Vegan Society.
6.50 News.
7.05 Rugby: Wales v Scotland and France v Ireland.
8.00 How Green was my Valley.
8.55 2nd House. *The Ik: discussion with illustrations from the play.*
9.55 Play: The Weekend, by Diana Souhami.
10.25 Network, from BBC West: The Landau Lads of Blackpool.
10.55 Open Door: The Wages for Housework Campaign.
11.25 News.
11.30-1.00 am, Film: Panic in the Year Zero, with Ray Milland, Jean Hagen.*

Granada

9.15 am, Angling. 9.40, Parents' Day. 10.05, The Count of Monte Cristo. 10.30, Dirty Sally. 11.00, Film: The Last of the Buccaneers. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Yus My Dear. 7.00, Celebrity Squares. 7.45, Film: Rampage, with Robert Mitchum. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30-1.20 am, Film: Drum Crazy, with James Darren.*

Scottish

9.30 am, Angling. 10.00, Parents' Day. 10.30, Ski-ing with Gina. 11.00, Felix the Cat. 11.10, Animated Classics, Oliver and the Artful Dodger. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, *Allan Stewart*. 5.30, *New Faces*. 6.30, Yus My Dear. 7.00, Celebrity Squares. 7.45, Film: Madron, with Richard Boone, Leslie Caron. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Late Call. 11.35-12.30 am, Film, Ship of Fools, with Vivien Leigh, Simone Signoret, Lee Marvin, Oskar Werner, George Segal, Jose Ferrer.*

London Weekend

9.00 am, Angling. 9.25, Parents' Day. 9.45, Saturday Scene. 9.50, The Beachcombers. 10.20, The Count of Monte Cristo. 10.45, Junior Police Five. 11.00, Run, Joe, Run! 11.30, Space 1999. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Sport and the Cinema. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Seven. 1.30, Sandown. 1.45, Stratford. 2.00, *Sandown*. 2.15, Stratford. 2.30, Sandown. 2.45, Stratford. 3.00, Sandown. 3.10, Gymnastics from Los Angeles, Swimming—*Speedo International from* Amersfoort. 3.50, Half-Time Soccer Round-up. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.
5.05 News.
5.15 Return to the Planet of the Apes.
5.45 Supersonic.
6.15 New Faces.
7.15 Sale of the Century.
7.45 Film: Lock, Stock and Barrel (1973) with Tim Matheson, *Belinda Montgomery*.
9.30 The Best of Upstairs, Downstairs. 10.30 News.
10.45 Thick as Thieves.
11.15 Film: The House That Dripped Blood (1971) with Jon Pertwee.
12.55 The False Messiahs.

ATV

9.15 am, Plain Sailing. 9.40, Parents' Day. 10.10, Tiswas. 12.30 pm, London. 5.45, New Faces. 6.45, *Six Million Dollar Man*. 7.45, Film: All the Way Up, with Warren Mitchell, Adrienne Posta, Richard Briers. 9.30, London. 10.45, Aquarius. 11.30-12.00, ATV Today Pick of the Week.

Southern

9.15 am, Angling. 9.40, Parents' Day. *10.10*, Weather. 10.13, Sylvester. 10.25, Supersonic. 10.55, Rainbow Country. 11.20, Daniel Boone. 12.15 pm, Southsport. 12.30, London. 5.35, Candid Camera Classics. 6.05, The Magician. 7.00, Celebrity Squares. 7.45, *Film: Rampage* (1963), with Robert Mitchum, Jack Hawkins, Elsa Martinelli. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Southern News. 11.35, Griff. 12.30 am, Weather. Guideline.

Tyne Tees

9.30 am, Angling. 10.00, Parents' Day. 10.25, Ski-ing with Gina. 10.50, *Paulus*. 11.05, *Opportunity*. 11.10, Daniel Boone. 12.00, Indoor League. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, Yus My Dear. 7.45, Film: Rampage! with Robert Mitchum, Elsa Martinelli, Jack Hawkins. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, The Collaborators. 12.25 am, Epilogue.

Radio

1
6.00 am, News. Tom Edwards. †8.03, Racing bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Rosko. 1.00 pm, George Melly's Ton Twelve.† 2.00, Alan Freeman.† 5.00, Paul Gambaccini.† 6.30, In Concert.† 7.30, Top Tunes.† 8.30, Musical World of Peter Morrison.† 9.02, Radio Orchestra.† 10.02, Europe 76: Norway.† 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.05, Brian Matthew.† 12.31-12.33 am, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Charlie Chester.† 12.02 pm, Two's Best.† 1.02, The Easter Egg Parade (1500m). 1.30-6.55, Sport (1500m), including Rugby, Wales v Scotland, France v Ireland; Football; Racing from Sandown; 5.00, *Sports Report*. 6.03, Star Sound (1500). 7.02, The Least Worst of Hello Cheeky (1500m). 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, The Young Idea.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Record Review.† 10.15, Stereo Release.† 11.05, The Equation, opera by Geoffrey Bush.† 12.02 pm, Robin Ray.† 12.55, News. 1.00, Foreign Press Review. 1.15, Haydn and Brahms.† 2.15, Man of Action: Sir Monty Finniston.† 3.35, Beethoven, Berlioz.† 5.00, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.45, Classical Guitar.† 6.15, Critics' Forum. 7.05, Dallapiccola.† 7.35, Andrei Sakharov, Soviet physicist, talk by Peter Reddaway. 8.00, Concert, part 1: Haydn, Britten.† 9.00, Visiting Reputations, Sir Robert Helpmann. 9.20, Concert, part 2: Brahms.† 10.10, New Light on Donizetti and Verdi, by Winton Dean. 11.00, Couperin.† 11.25-11.30, News.

4
6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.50, Outlook. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. *7.10, On Your Farm*. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Outlook. 7.50, Today. 8.00, News and more of Today. 8.50, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 9.30, *The Week in Westminster*. 10.00, News. 10.02, The Weekly World. 10.15, Service. 10.30, Pick of the Week. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02, Radio 3. 12.55, Weather. 1.00 pm, News. 1.15, Any Questions? 2.00, Weekend. 3.00, News. 3.05, Thirty-Minute play, In Reply to Your Query. 3.35, Radio 3. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.
6.00 News. 6.15, Robert Robinson. 7.00, *News*. 7.02, Desert Island Discs. 7.30, Richard Baker. 8.30, Play, Late into the Night. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, A Word in Edgeways. 11.00, Prayers. 11.15-11.38, News. 11.45-11.48, Inshore Forecast.

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Radio

What is chance?

There may or may not, in every villain, be a decent human being struggling to get out. It is worth considering, although as more people with less qualms maim or slaughter one another every day, the possibility becomes continually harder to entertain. One great virtue of *Breaking the Pattern* (in the occasional series, *A Story of Our Time*) was its effect as a reminder. Several reminders, to be exact.

This was the story of Sam, product of a disastrous home. Neither of his parents could cope with life at all, but—or perhaps therefore—the children kept arriving. When mother was not pregnant she was often in prison. At home she was unpredictable and very violent —Sam bears the marks she gave him to this day. Father doesn't seem to have made much of an impression in any direction. Sam was soon in trouble with the police and ended up with a spell in a Borstal which, more or less in spite of itself, turned out to be the saving of him.

What are the reminders? First, that out of a family of nine or so, all presumably subjected to very similar conditions, only some went awry. A wretched background is not a guarantee of misery in later life, but the question is: what makes the difference? So far as I am aware, nobody knows anything for certain. One might guess at temperamental —which may mean bio-chemical —variations on which rather similar experiences react quite differently, but that is to say everything and nothing. One— *or at least I do not* have to tread that quicksand to allow that experience can be a terrible conditioner. That I cannot grasp at all what Sam went through is evidence of the enormity of the gap between it and my circumstances although I think there may exist a pointer to how damaging that gap can be in the consideration of one's own equilibrium or lack of it when faced with nothing like the stress.

What else? Sam does indeed present the decent human being struggling to get out. He could describe with all the sharpness of experience, the feeling of not wanting to be the way he was, while at the same time of being unable to break out of it, indeed of doing—in a bid for attention, possibly—the very things that were bound to get him deeper in. For part of the trap in which he found himself consisted in the fact that the attention he received in response to violence and bloody-mindedness was—with one honourable exception—always of the kind to aggravate his behaviour, not improve it. There is another measure of his desperate situation in his remark that his spell in Borstal was the only time *until then* that he had ever felt safe.

The exception which broke the rule was a man called Michael Coombs, Governor of Sam's Borstal and their first meeting was limited to a brisk "fuck off" or words to that effect in reply to a courteous good morning. Coombs' response speaks volumes: he was not simply unshocked—which is in its turn a thousand miles from being shocked and concealing it—; *he said in effect*: "When someone answers you like that, you know where you are, it does half your work for you." Gradually Coombs reclaimed Sam, allowed the part of him that wanted out to come to the surface and Sam at 25 now seems to be all right.

Such an event raises innumerable question: is the element of wanting out general, common or rare? If weak or absent, can anything be done? And how to activate it? Aren't such questions anyway rather inappropriate, mechanical? *One glimpses here two people* each of a particular type, in a particular frame of mind who come together when, as one says, the time was ripe. It looks like chance, but is it? What is chance? If we really understood the way in which such situations work, what then . . . ? In the interim, one thing is sure: that BBC Manchester is to be congratulated on presenting Sam, with all his implications, although I wonder if they have considered looking at one of the family who didn't go astray and asking him or her why not. That seems to me a worthwhile lead from a programme such as this, which as it happens is also an example of one species whose rarity I complain of.

Another of the same might be *Something to Declare*, but on the evidence of its first part, I'm inclined to doubt. There was some fertile material here with *Laurens van der Post*, Duncan Carse and Robin Hanbury-Tenison talking about their travels and the crises they have had to meet and survive. However Christopher Matthews's questioning left off at the points where things were getting interesting—ie, at the more personal response. Very probably you cannot conduct that kind of conversation with a group; it needs individual interviewing. It also needs several people to consider doing it.

I think it's safe to recommend Michael Mason's *Yanks and Limeys* for the remainder of its run (two down, six to go). *It's like a lightweight Analysis* with music and effects. There's a simpler, but no less a pleasure to be had from R2's *The Great American Railroad* (Wednesday). Consume with caution, however, for this is Bicentenary Year and the signs are that we may have Bicentenary Indigestion by the end of it. Otherwise next week looks a little short on particular event, but you might try *Margie* (Sunday, R3). *The It's Your Line Special* (Wednesdays R4) on "The Future of Ulster" may, like Sam and with any luck, remind us of decent human beings struggling to get out. More than that is not to be expected.

David Wade

Sunday

Exceptional people. A keyboard virtuoso displays his skill (BBC2 9... Trevor Huddleston straddles two channels (BBC1 6.15 and ITV 6.35). A soccer hero is the subject of a play (ITV 10.0). Yet another of those topical magazines is attempted (BBC2 8.45). The Winter Olympics provide the high spot of the afternoon (BBC1 3.45).—L.B.

BBC 1

9.00 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 9.30, Camberwick Green. 9.45, Dressmaker. 10.10, Ensemble. *10.35, Peter Donaldson's Illustrated Economics*. 11.00, Seeing and Believing. 11.45, The 60 70 80 Show. 12.10 pm, Avventura. 12.35, *Women at Work*. *1.00, Farming*. 1.25, Parents and Children. 1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Film: Red Dust with Clark Gable, Jean Harlow, Mary Astor.* *3.15, Home Town*. 3.45, Olympic Grandstand. 5.25, The Prince and the Pauper.
5.55 News.
6.05 On the Move.
6.15 Under Bow Bells. Bishop Trevor Huddleston, Jack Jones.
6.50 Songs of Praise from St. James's Parish Church, Belfast.
7.25 The Brothers.
8.15 Film: The Extraordinary Seaman, with Divid Niven, Faye Dunaway, Alan Alda, Mickey Rooney.
9.35 News.
9.45 That's Life.
10.25 Read All About It.
10.55 Politics Now: Northern Ireland: The Options.
11.20-11.0 Weather.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES: 9.30-9.45 am, Watch With Mother. 1.55-3.45 pm, Sports *Line-up*. 6.15-6.40, Wrth Fyned Heibio. 6.40-6.50, Yr Arwelnwyr. 10.25-10.55, Ar Drywdd Awen. 11.20, News for Wales. SCOTLAND: 11.00-11.45 am, Seeing the Signs. 6.15-6.50 pm, Sixes and Sevens. 6.50-7.25, Songs of Praise from Dunlop Kirk, Ayrshire. 11.20, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND: 11.20 pm, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

Tyne Tees

10.00 am, London. 11.25, Galloping Gourmet. 11.55, Where the Jobs Are. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Police Surgeon. 1.40, *Farming*. 2.10, Shoot. 3.05, The Ghost and Mrs Muir. 3.35, The World at War. 4.35, The Flintstones. 5.05, The Geordie Scene. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, A House for the *Future*. 11.30, *Epilogue*. Griff.

HTV

10.00 am, London. 11.00, ATV. 11.30, The Geordie Scene. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, The Amazing Chan. 1.35, Farming. 2.05, London. 3.05, The World at War. 4.05, Film: Tanganyika, with Van Heflin, Ruth Roman. 5.35, The Georgian House. 6.05, London. 7.55, Film: Where Love Has Gone, with Susan Hayward, Bette Davis. 9.45, London. 11.00, University Challenge. 11.30, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 1.10-1.35 pm, University Challenge. 1.35-2.05, Farming. 6.35-6.50, Hyn O Hanes. 11.00-12.30 am, Decision. 12.30, Weather.

Westward

10.00 am, London. 11.30, A House for the Future. 12.00, London. 1.05 pm, West Country Job Finder. 1.10, Judo. 1.30, Farm and Country News. 2.00, The World at War. 3.00, The Magician. 3.50, The Big Match. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, McCloud. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, Journey to the Unknown. 11.55, Faith for Life.

Scottish

10.00 am, Appointment with Destiny. 10.50, Our Asian Neighbours. 11.00, London. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm. A House for the Future. 1.40, The Persuaders. 2.35, Scotsport. 3.50, ATV. 4.50, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, News. 6.15, Chapter and Verse. 6.50, London. 7.25, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, Late Call. 11.05-12.00, Kung Fu.

Ulster

11.00 am, London. 11.30, Checkmate. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Cartoon. 1.35, London. 3.05, Animated Classics. Count of Monte Cristo. 3.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film, The Land Raiders, with Telly Savalas, George Maharis, Arlene Dahl. 9.10, Sports Results. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00-12.00, Griff.

BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University: Traffic Plan for Norwich; 8.05, Unemployment; 8.30, Science Foundation Course; 8.55, Engineering Mechanics; 9.20, Paris Exhibition—1900; 9.45, Solids, Liquids and Gases; 10.10, Iron; 10.35, The Public Library; 11.00, Seeing the Future; 11.25, Maths for Science; 11.50, Handicapped in the Community; 12.15 pm, Great *Britain 1750-1950*; 1.05, *Industrial* Relations 1969: 1.30-1.55, Maths. 5.55, A Third Testament: Malcolm Muggeridge on Dietrich Bonhoeffer.
6.50 News Review.
7.25 The World Around Us: Musical portrait of Bahia.
*8.15 M*A*S*H.*
8.40 News.
8.45 Terra Firma.
9.45 Earl Wild, American *pianist, talks to Robin Ray.*
10.40 Film: The Rowdyman, with Gordon Pinsent, Frank Converse, Will Geer, Linda Goranson.
12.10-12.15 am, Joy Parker reads The Grange, by Stevie Smith.

Yorkshire

9.45 am, Chess Masterpieces.* 10.00, *London*. 11.30, *Farming*. 12.00, London. 1.10, pm, A House for the Future. 1.40, Calendar Sunday. 2.05, Football Special. 3.00, Film: Guilt Is My Shadow, with Patrick Holt, Elizabeth Sellars, Lana Morris, Peter Reynolds. 4.35, *World at War*. 5.35, *ATV*. 6.05, London. 7.25, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00-11.55, The Streets of San Francisco.

Border

10.00 am, London. 11.30, A House for the Future. 12.00, London. 1.10, Border Diary. 1.15, Cartoon. 1.35, Farming. 2.07, Football. 3.00, The World at War. 4.00, Film: The Amorous Prawn, with Ian Carmichael, Joan Greenwood.* 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Sale of the Century. 7.55, Film: The Man Who Never Was, with *Clifton Webb, Gloria Grahame*. 9.45, London 11.00-11.45, Documentary. A Parisian in Paris, with Sacha Distel.

Grampian

11.00 am, London. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, A House for the Future. 1.40, Parents' Day. 2.05, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 2.35, Scotsport. 3.50, ATV. 4.50, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, Free and One Make Sense 11.30, The Sea. 12.00, Prayers.

London Weekend

9.30 am, Yoga. 10.... Communion from the St. Agnes, Bristol. 11.... Sailing. 11.30, London Show. 12.00, Weekend ... pm, Around the World ... 1.35, A House for the F... The Big Match. 3.05, ... Gang. 4.05, Celebrity ... 4.50, A Place to B... Aquarius: Proportion... tation.
6.05 News.
6.15 Children of the ...
6.35 Opinion with th... Stepney.
6.50 Sing Along.
7.25 Yus My Dear.
7.55 Film. Take a G... (1971), with B... Oliver Reed.
9.45 News.
10.00 Red Letter Day...
11.00 London Progra...
12.00 Witness to Ye...
12.25 The Prophet.

ATV

9.30 am, Link. 10.00, ... A House for the Future. ... One. 12.00, London. ... Amazing Chan. 1.35, ... 2.00, Star Soccer. 2.5... World at War. 4.50, ... 5.35, A Place to Hide. ... 7.25, McMillan and W... Honestly. 9.45, London. ... ality Challenge. 11.30, ... 12.00, Barrie Coure.

Southern

10.00 am, London. 11.... 11.30, Farm Progress. ... 1.10 pm, Arthur. 1.3... The World at War. 4.0... Bernie. 4.30, Southern... New Faces. 5.35, ATV. ... 7.25, Sale of the Century ... an and Wife. 9.45, ... Homicide. 11.55, Weather...

Granada

9.30 am, Wild Refuge. ... 11.25, Cartoon. 11.3... 12.00, London. 1.10... Company. 2.10, Kick ... Film: Who Killed the ... World at War. 5.35, ... don. 7.25, ATV. 9.45, ... Granada Profile. 11... Griff.

Anglia

9.35 am, Play Squash ... 10.00, London. 11.30, ... Future. 12.00, London ... Cartoon 1.25, Weather ... 2.00, Match of the ... Magician. 3.50, ATV. ... 7.55, Columbo. 9.45, ... Police Story. 11.55 ...

Radio

1
6.55 am, New Day. 7.00, News. 7.03, Reginald Dixon.† 8.03, Cliff Richard. 9.32, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Paul Burnett. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, W1A 4WW Show. 5.00, Insight. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.00, Quiz Ball '76 Semi-final. 7.30, Sentorial. 8.30, *Sunday Half-hour*. 9.02, Bes: Tunes. 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Brass and Strings. 11.02, Jazz. 12.31-12.33 am, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.55 am, Radio 1. 10.02, David Jacobs.† 11.30, People's Service.† 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 2.02, Steptoe and Son. 2.30, Our Gracie.† 3.30, Hubor, Gregg. 4.02, Charlie Chester. 6.00, Radio 1. 7.02, Easter Egg Parade. 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, Jascha Heifetz (violin) Fauré, Mendelssohn, Iranac, Achron, Bach. 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: ... 10.30, Music Weekly.† 11.15, Bruckner's Eighth Symphony.† 12.35 pm, Words by Ian Robinson. 12.40, BBC Singers: Monteverdi, Poulenc, Bach.† 2.00, Handel and Rainier.† 3.00, Mozart, part 1.† 4.00, The Seven Deadly Sins, part 2. Sloth. 4.20, Concert, part 2.† 4.55, Talking about Music, Antony Hopkins.† 5.25, Fanny Robin, opera by Edward Harper.† 6.00, Pride, Prejudice and the Woman Question, an imaginary conversation between Jane Austen and Charlotte Bronte.
6.35, Tchaikovsky and B... ... 10.07, My Dear ... between ... Jaeger. 10.45, News. 11.23-11.30, News.

4
7.15 am, Apna Hi ... 7.45, Bells. 7.50, ... Weather. 8.00, News ... Papers. 8.15, 8.55, ... gramme news. Sunday ... News. 9.10, Sunday Papers ... for (from America): 9.3... 10.30, Service from St ... Gardeners. 11.10, A... Square Fund. 12.15 ... Riportist. 11.45, Your ... 12.15 pm, ... Weather.
1.00, News. 2.00, Gardeners' ... Time. 2.30, Play. ... 4.02, Talking about ... Living World. 5.00, ... Down Your Way. 5.15, ... 6.00, News. 6.15, ... son. 7.00, News. 7.30, Chapter and ... coate. ... Concert. 9.02, Ever ... News. 10.00, News ... Weather. 10.15, ... and Limeys. ... certain. ... News. 11.15-11.38, ... shore Forecast.

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Chopin, Turgeniev and a ballet Ashton always wanted to do

Frederick Ashton arrived for dinner wearing a little bunch of charms on a chain around his neck. "They are Brazilian", he explained, "and these two are supposed to ward off ill luck. I thought that as I was doing a new ballet I ought to wear them." *A Month in the Country* has its first performance at Covent Garden next Thursday. How did it feel, I asked him, to be back in harness?

"I had forgotten how alarmingly obsessive it is. I go home in the evenings and find myself putting on the record in case there is something in the music I might have overlooked. Also, I have been reading Turgeniev, not only the play but all the novels. When I am making a ballet, I always read all round the subject. For *Scènes de Ballet*, I studied Euclid and geometry: the patterns fascinated me.

"In my early days it was different. When I was young and created *The Lord of Burleigh*, it was quite an interesting idea to bring all those Tennyson characters to life, but in those days I was really only interested in making beautiful dances and I did not go into it as deeply as I should have done."

What, I asked, had tempted him to the subject of the new work? "I have wanted to do it since the Thirties, when I first saw the play. It was done by a very bad company, with a not very good actress as Natalia Petrovna—very plump; but at that time they did not play it as comedy, as they do now.

I am always interested in human relations and their complications. I think the interest of Natalia Petrovna is that she is capable of love but she is trapped and prevented from loving. That is what makes her such a bitch; she is awful to her ward, Vera, but only because she is in love and Vera also loves the same person.

"The problem in showing this is the transition from poetry to prose, as it were: from the romantic passages to telling the story. I have tried to avoid too mimetic a treatment.

"It has ended up rather like a Mozart opera with arias and recitatives. I did not know it would be like that when I began; that is how it worked out. The passages of story telling have taken much longer to do than the dances, because I have had to work hard to make them true to life and vital to the action, and to eliminate everything inessential.

"Of course I have been lucky; I have a cast of only eight and it has been a pleasure to work with them. Also the music has been an inspiration." I remarked that it was the first time Sir Frederick had used Chopin music. "Yes, I always wanted to do a Chopin ballet, but there was the shadow of Fokine hanging over one, and then Jerry Robbins.

"When I was thinking about the ballet I started by listening to all the minor Tchaikovsky pieces, thinking that Tchaikovsky would be right for Turgeniev, but they didn't work. Then I listened to Cui and all the minor Russians. One day at a cocktail party I met Isaiah Berlin and asked him 'Which composer would be right for Turgeniev?' He answered 'Chopin' and I thought 'Oh God, all that sifting through nocturnes and preludes and études'.

"Then Michael Somes said he had a record he wanted to lend me, not with the idea of using the music for a ballet but because he thought I would enjoy it. That was Chopin's orchestral pieces, all the orchestral works he wrote except the two piano concertos. I played it and liked it but I still did not think of it for the ballet because the pieces were in an order that did not fit.

"It never occurred to me to change the order, I suppose because I thought that was the order they were meant to be in and I always like to respect the composer's intentions. But I tried to buy a copy of the record and was told it was out of print but another recording of the same pieces was available. On that, they were played in a different order and suddenly it all fitted exactly with what I needed. The music is very attractive and it was written when Chopin was young, before he came to Paris, so it is full of vitality."

This is Ashton's jubilee year, just half a century since his first ballet *A Tragedy of Fashion*. What was that like? "Nothing, just agreeable. It was 10 minutes of pleasant entertainment to fit into a revue. The music was apt, and it looked very nice because Sophie Fedorovitch did some beautiful designs for it. And I suppose it was quite well made; there were a couple of good dances in it. But in those days I had no idea of being a choreographer. I just wanted to be Nijinsky."

Had he any idea in those days of what might come of British ballet? "None at all. I worked wherever I could because I needed the money, and then on Sundays we worked with Rambert at the Ballet Club for half a crown a performance.

"When I first joined the Wells in the Thirties I was paid £10 a week, and for that I had to produce three ballets a year and dance. I did not get a rise until 1939, so I enjoyed just one week at £15 before I went into the Air Force. When I came out I was penniless and I was 40. It was only after the war, when we moved to Covent Garden, that I negotiated with David Webster to be paid royalties; and my initial salary then was never raised until I became director. But one did it because it was what one wanted to do.

"For me, the most enjoyable time with any ballet is the period when you are working on it in the rehearsal studio. Then comes that terrible moment when your child is taken away from you and put on that big empty stage, and it is out of your grasp, it is no longer yours to fondle."

John Percival

A question of attitude

Treats
Royal Court

Irving Wardle

The matter at issue is Ann's domestic future. Is she to continue sharing her flat with Patrick, the office bore; or kick him out and reinstate the ruthless Dave who has already given her two years of hell? Or is she to take the big plunge and actually try living alone?

Christopher Hampton pursues those alternatives through two acts which arouse mounting amazement that the author of *The Philanthropist* and *Savages* could have settled for so insignificant a theme and brought so little skill to working it out. At various moments it seems that the play is about to expand beyond the private situation. Dave returns and demands his favourite chair. Fine: splitting up the property can be the most painful part of a separation, and comedy could well explore that experience. But, having touched on it, Mr Hampton lets it go. Likewise the sight of Patrick struggling with a recalcitrant doorkey in the midst of an emotional farewell. Not to mention the sound of a street demonstration which briefly connects the stage action with the world outside.

Finally one has to accept that all Mr Hampton is offering is his three characters and their little problem. The most believable of them is Patrick, a kindly, evasive mother's boy closely related to the well-meaning hero of *The Philanthropist*. Stephen Moore plays him in an apathetic shamble, periodically exploding into uncompromising statements which then peter out into "by and large . . . more or less . . ." Thanks to Mr Moore's timing, the comedy arises straight from the character. Dave, his aggressive foil, is by contrast a professional stage wit, and James Bolam's laughing-boy performance does nothing to disguise the fact that it is the author more than the character who is cracking the jokes.

Part of his act is to fool the others with strings of lies; but none of them is more implausible than the alleged facts that he is a penniless reporter living at the Savoy Hotel, and lately arrested for breaking into an undertaker's for a kip in a coffin. In spite of a few telling quips, he leaves you feeling that the role of the merciless ironist is too easy for a writer to cook up in solitude.

The main enigma, however, is Ann herself. Why should she need to choose between cohabiting with a bully or a weed? And why does she throw in her job as an interpreter? The play offers several passing explanations, none of them convincing as the character barely exists. As Jane Asher plays her, presenting a surly profile among the bickering males, and periodically bursting out into accusations, tears, and conversational put-downs, she presents a series of attitudes rather than a continuous personality.

To Mr Hampton, perhaps these attitudes reflect what such a life does to some girls: the sour aftermath of a banquet of passing treats. But too much of the play, apart from Ann, is based on attitudes. It is full of calculated reversals where the dialogue contradicts an expected response whether or not the twist is true to character.

There are also shock tactics, as where a Bruckner symphony is punctuated by a brawl, that seem to have been dropped in entirely for their passing effect.

In Robert Kidd's production such moments are carefully insulated from the surrounding action which preserves Mr Hampton's cool literacy. Mr Kidd has no success with a mysterious series of media scenes where characters are left in solitude listening to records or watching television. Though I must admit that some of the biggest laughs came from a relay of the *Today* programme. The anonymous, underfurnished setting is by Andrew Sanders.

Keeping up with Perthshire

The Drummonds of Megginch
BBC 2

Leonard Buckley

One of these days, please God, somebody is going to tell us on television that he thoroughly enjoys living in his stately home, has no financial worries, likes to think of himself as a superior person and sucks boo to you. But until then you can reckon that any ancestral pile will be accompanied by certain standard assumptions.

The house, you will know in advance, will be sprawling and inconvenient; and its upkeep will be crippling to those who live there. They, of course, will be ordinary people like you and me. You must put feudalism out of your mind. Their manner may suggest that they are doing you a favour by cherishing their bit of the national heritage. But that will be quite wrong. For them it is a sacred trust.

Patrick Boyle's programme on Thursday about a family in their Scottish castle ran true to form. But it was better than most. For a start, the people were disarming. There was Papa with his falconry. There was Mummy with her insistence on the traditional virtues. And the children were charming—Adam, the Guardee, Amelie with her pet bantam, nine-year-old John who thought about God a good deal, and so on. You could see that each was special. Of course we kept coming back to the difficulties of keeping up the house and the estate. But, jolly hockey sticks, everybody mucked in and mucked out.

The Drummonds had to keep up with the Jonses, too, if that is the right term for Perthshire. So we had the county's social round with its cocktails and its cricket, its dances and its mindless party games. And from time to time a gently sardonic camera brought us characters straight out of Wodehouse.

It was gracious living all right, splendidly maintained and delightfully shown. But as usual we were expected to leave the family on a note of sympathy. For they must wear their overcoats indoors in the winter since the castle is so cold. And we were told this, mark you, in a week when old age pensioners have died of hypothermia and television has shown us babies freezing in unheated council flats. Please excuse me while I spit.

Doing them proud

Dick Wellstood
Seven Dials

Miles Kington

The great thing about the pre-war piano traditions, known to jazz historians as stride piano, which produced Fats Waller, James P. Johnson, Earl Hines and Art Tatum, is that it probably led to the finest flowering of solo improvising since Beethoven's day.

The sad thing about it is that its main survival today comes in the bastardized form of pub piano and that Waller's glorious two-fisted artistry is known to most people in the shape of ham-fisted amateurism. It is as if the vast majority knew about Mantovani and had never heard of Mozart.

Luckily, there are still a few pianists who are dedicated, nimble and sensitive enough to preserve the old tradition alive, and Dick Wellstood is about the best of them. The ever-enterprising Jazz Centre Society presented him at the Seven Dials in Shelton Street, a congenial haunt enhanced by the presence of Young's bitter beer, and he did them proud.

He plays his vast repertoire with such ease, with such a nonchalant disposition of the hands that the unalerted listener might feel nothing was happening. In fact he is thinking like lightning the whole time and it is difficult to spot a moment when his fingers do not follow suit.

He is not so much a musical archaeologist, more a one-man repertory company dedicated to reinterpreting the works of Ellington, Waller, Joplin, Johnson and many others in a totally individual manner. If this were a fair and just society he would be on television every other night and a household name. As it is, he is only here for a fortnight on a wayward tour round Britain from America: catch him if you can.

As if that were not enough, the relief band was led by Bruce Turner, who looks increasingly like Spike Milligan and plays increasingly like one of the best alto saxophonists ever to come out of Britain. His set took time to warm up, but by the end he was well into his stride and playing like a man possessed, with one of the warmest yet shrewdest tones in jazz. All in all, one feels sorry for the seven million-odd Londoners who could not make it to the Seven Dials.

LPO/Pritchard
Festival Hall

Stephen Walsh

To the best of my knowledge, Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto is almost alone in the standard repertoire in still suffering regular, and apparently more or less traditional cuts. On Thursday Henryk Szeryng performed his surgery only on the finale, which is certainly a well-padded movement; if not more so than several others one could name, in works which could be cut only at risk of public lynching. But he left less drastic marks on the Canzonetta, too, taking passages up an octave and ignoring fairly clear rubato directions in the score. All that with the most winning smile and, of course, much exquisite playing, though the performance was not, *it toto*, an exciting one.

Needless to say, it was cheered to the rafters, almost to the point where Szeryng might have offered an encore, perhaps a paste-up of the bars left out of the main performance. Much more coolly received was John Pritchard's stately account of Strauss's *Don Juan*, a well-proportioned and collected performance but about as thrilling as a set of mixed doubles. In striving, in the later stages, for gratuitous excitement the orchestra fell into untypically strident mood. But the long oboe solo was beautifully played by Roger Winfield in a style perhaps more pastoral than erotic, while on the other side of the net Rodney Friend smoothly complemented the usual warm LPO string sound.

The symphony was Walton's second, a work which certainly could stand a cut or two, I would suggest the last two movements. The brilliant but harmonically static first movement is entirely self-contained and needs, like the Mechanicals' play, no excuse. The grandiose final Passacaglia and Fugue deserve scrappy playing, and got it, whereas the swift and elusive flights of the first movement were effortlessly taken.

■ The next two concerts at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, in aid of the Fun Palace Trust (the Stratford Fair Project which provides leisure and educational facilities for young people in the locality) will be John Zaradin, guitar, with Colin Bilham (bass) and Tim Barry (percussion) on Sunday at 7.30, and a pop concert entitled *Fun Palace Rock I*, on February 22, with The Dana Gillespie Band, Richard ("Rocky Horror") O'Brien, Luis Cabellero, "Jus Cookin" (a new group), Marcus Shields, Mike Molloy, and a rock ballet based on Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells, with choreography by Arlene Phillips, Lesley-Anne Down and Gareth Hunt.

■ The Bristol Old Vic production of *Old Flames*, E. A. Whitehead's fourth play to be presented in London, will open at the Arts Theatre on February 19. A modern play of sexual manners—an intimate supper on his girlfriend's houseboat becomes an exciting and macabre dinner-party for Edward when several unexpected guests arrive. The play is directed by Jonathan Hales and the cast consists of Gary Bond, Judy Cornwell, Anna Dyson, Barbara Ewing and Katherine Fahy.

Clive Barnes/New York Notebook

Every box office loves a star

There is not a more controversial word in the show business lexicon than that magic word star. What is a star? Who is a star? Why is a star? At times, to adapt Oscar Wilde, Broadway producers always seem like men in the gutter looking up at the stars.

Conventional Broadway wisdom has no doubt about who are stars and who are not stars. Stars are people who sell tickets at the box office—these people are stars and you don't have to be an astronomer to recognize them. Regrettably you have to be something of an astrologer, because a man who was a star yesterday may not be one today. A woman who proves a knockout when her name is in lights above a new Neil Simon comedy may easily blow a fuse when cast in Shakespeare.

Naturally some stars are more starry than others. A recent brouhaha—perhaps more haha than brou—concerned the engagement of Richard Burton to take over the lead in Peter Shaffer's play *Equus* for 10 weeks beginning on February 16. It appeared Mr Burton wanted to make a Broadway appearance—his stage comeback after many years—this season. It seems that he toyed with *Coriolanus* and played lightly with *Timon of Athens*. However, *Equus* makes a lot more sense for everyone.

In the first place the production is already there *in situ* at the Plymouth Theatre. So no one has to buy anything—think of all those toga-wearers in *Coriolanus* and *Timon* and all just for 10 weeks. Then there is the matter of the film. If Mr Burton is allowed to do the play, it appears that Mr Burton will be prepared to do the film. Moreover Mr Burton will already be rehearsed before the cameras start to roll.

So everyone is happy; right? Well, not quite right. Because Anthony Perkins who took over the role from Anthony Hopkins and had earlier been persuaded to sign a contract for the summer is being ousted understandably against his natural pride if not his will. He will of course be paid—money is not the issue. But hell has no fury like an actor scorned. In fact as long as there are actresses left in the world that is not quite true, but the point basically remains. Perkins was treated shabbily.

Burton is a superstar. When he arrives—whatever are his notices—there will be hossanahs in the street, lines at the box-office and money in the bank. That is a star. In other fields—Beverley Sills is a star, Leonard Bernstein is a star, Rudolf Nureyev and Mikhail Baryshnikov are practically the gemini. Robert Redford is a star. But somehow star presence is more noticeable in the theatre than the other arts. For in the other arts the lights do not keep illuminated theatres that might otherwise be dark.

Take a supreme example of a super star. Katharine Hepburn. The other night she opened in a new play by Enid Bagnold called *A Matter of Gravity*. The notices it got were considerably more mixed than Isaac Newton's—quite possibly the kind of notices that could have made *Gravity* fall. But it had the redoubtable Miss Hepburn, acting, incidentally, most redoubtably, and the mysteries and pseudo-epigrams of Miss Bagnold seemed to fade away. There is a sizable advance at the box-office, and it seems possible that *A Matter of Gravity* will live with us, at least for a little while. After all, a few seasons ago, Miss Hepburn pulled off a similar personal triumph with *Coco*. Although that was a musical, it had some pretty dresses, and offered the opportunity to hear Miss Hepburn say her first four-letter word, or at least on stage. With *A Matter of Gravity* we must wait and see.

The mystique of Broadway stars is ever fascinating. For example it appears that Alan Ayckbourn's *The Norman Conquests* is not really conquering New York, yet it is said that it could have been a different story if the management had been able to get Jim Dale to play Norman rather than Richard Benjamin, the role's talented but mis-cast incumbent. Then there's the example of Sir John Gielgud and Sir Ralph Richardson. Those two glamorous knights were able to sell out David Storey's *Home* a few seasons back, a play, which for all its glistening merits, that without could never have found house room on Broadway.

This week the Metropolitan Opera House made its bid to join the 1970's. It did so, oddly enough with a production of *Aida*. This is hardly so revolutionary, but it inaugurates a new regime at the Metropolitan. Well first, why *Aida*? It is a good question, but the choice was pretty forced on the Met, when on November 7, 1974 a warehouse fire destroyed the old *Aida*.

Historically it is the first production of the Met's new artistic team of James Levine, the new music director, and John Dexter, the new director of productions. The Met has not had a music director in living memory, unless we count the brief and unhappy sojourn of Rafael Kubelik in the post a couple of seasons back. Glancing through Sir Rudolf Bing's memoirs I came across an extraordinary letter Sir Rudolf sent to Erich Kleiber explaining that whatever Kleiber felt it was not Met policy to enjoy the services of a musical director.

Mr Levine's task while far from simple, seems comparatively clear. He has to raise the musical standards of the Met. But it must be remembered that he has not the sort of unlimited, or virtually unlimited, funding enjoyed by, say, the Berlin Opera or Rolf Liebermann's Paris Opera—so he must be careful. Mr Dexter must be careful. He has to introduce innovative without seeming to introduce economy—he has to look rich but play poor. So far Mr Dexter has been incredibly successful in refurbishing productions such as *Ballo in Maschera* and, earlier this season, *La Gioconda*. As a director he is a tight man with a buck—a quality that would endear him to opera managements across the world. But he is not a tight man with a buck, he is a very smart and imaginative man—as this *Aida* goes to show. It looks opulent, but it cost comparatively little.

Mr Dexter believes firmly in conceptual opera—it makes sense for the audience and, as he is himself quick to point out "it costs less". He has *Aida* very reasonably I think, as if it were an intimate opera for four characters, with just one enormous triumph scene thrown in. The scenery by David Reppa is based on one of those Wagnerian-style discs, and although grand in scope—they dwarf the singer—are simple in design. The main richness in the staging comes from Peter J. Hall's gorgeous costumes, which would be an Egyptologist's delight and look as though they came straight from Tutankhamun's tomb.

He is at constant pains to maintain the fragile human proportion of his four heroes against Verdi's enormous Egyptian backcloth, and in the triumph scene he has managed something removed from the elephants of Caracalla or the usual palm-waving scenes that appear to be taking place on the steps of the Milan Railway Station. Throughout he stresses the grandeur and brutality of the Egyptians, their impressive stateliness, and their ritualized coldness. The triumphant dance actually choreographed by Louis Johnson but conceived by Mr Dexter—is typical of the approach. Instead of being a divertissement for ballerina, partner and assorted *corps de ballet* maidens, it is seen as horrific combat between gladiators, that might well have come out of Yuri Grigorovich's *Spartacus*. Two men fight hand to hand almost to death. When one is so beaten, and so exhausted that he can no longer get up, the victor is given a spiked armlet to put on and proceeds to kill his vanquished opponent—it is quite horrible, and all to the tinkle of Verdi's seemingly innocent ballet music.

Unhappy is the dance and drama critic with a yen for opera. I have not yet been able to see *Aida* in full performance because its first night clashed with the Hepburn opening—however I did catch the final dress rehearsal, which at the Met is given with a full audience and is much in the nature of a *répétition generale*. Mr Levine's conducting here was fluent and had natural feel for Verdi's swooping line. As *Aida*, it seemed Leontyne Price had her voice in better control and in better focus than for years. James McCracken was in better histrionic form than usual but his voice sounded a little stolid (it is perfectly possible that he was not singing flat out), Cornel McNeil proved his usual virile self as Amonasro and only Marilyn Horne, the one newcomer to her role, seemed faintly subdued as Amneris. But of course all this was at a dress rehearsal—things could have been slightly different on the night.

This looks as though it is going to settle down into a magnificent staging of *Aida*. However the collaborative team of Levine and Dexter will, of course, not be confined to bread and butter operas. Next season they plan productions of Berg's *Lulu*, Meyerbeer's *Le Prophète* and Poulenc's *The Carmelites*. Which is varied enough a trio in all conscience.

Antiques

The age before enlightenment?

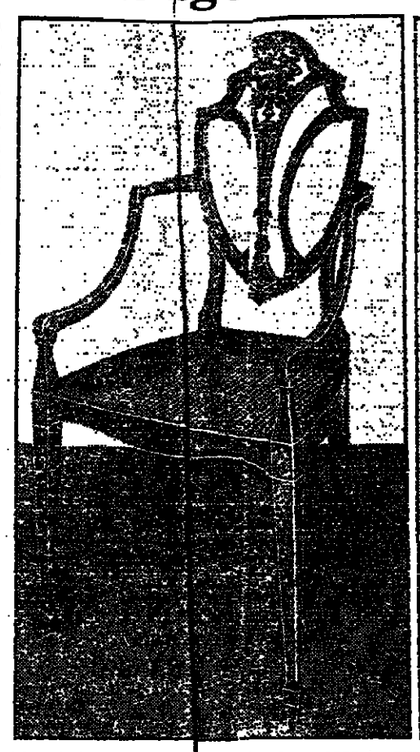
The true believer in "Modern" architecture, furniture, painting, literature or music feels that the twentieth century should have its own unique culture uninhibited by precedent or influence from the past. To these believers, the whole concept of the revival of past styles is anathema, they see any move in that direction as a return to the "bad old days" before twentieth century enlightenment had done its work. This attitude in fact only dates back to the early twentieth century. During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries all architects, designers and artists worked in one or other of the revived historical styles. Georgian architects like William Kent or Robert Adam tended to design both their houses and furniture after the styles of the ancient Greeks or Romans. Their Victorian counterparts like A. W. N. Pugin or William Burges tended to favour a style based upon European medieval precedents.

As far as surviving buildings which could act as sources for these designers and architects were concerned there existed sufficient historic examples whether Roman, Greek or medieval. But with furniture very few actual pieces survived. The architects and furniture designers were therefore forced to invent furniture which was appropriate to the style of the interior for which it was designed. Thus neither the classically inspired furniture of William Kent nor the gothic inspired furniture of William Burges is likely to be confused by the amateur with the rare original surviving pieces of classical or gothic furniture. Because these pieces of eighteenth and nineteenth century classical and gothic revival furniture are so easy to distinguish from the original they are accepted as works of original genius. But difficulties arise when we begin to face the problem of the revivals of more recent historical styles.

The first of these for furniture started in the mid-eighteenth century. In August, 1761, Horace Walpole wrote thus to his friend George Montagu who was on holiday in Cheshire: "Dicky Bateman has picked up a whole cloister-full of old chairs in Herefordshire—he bought them one and one, here and there in farmhouses, for three and sixpence and a crown apiece. They are of wood, their seats triangular, their backs, arms and legs loaded with turnery. A thousand to one but there are plenty up and down Cheshire too." Montague did not in fact find any chairs for Walpole, who contented himself by having a reproduction made, copied from an example shown in an ancient stained glass window.

By 1835 J. C. Loudon could write that in London: "There are abundant remains of every kind of Elizabethan furniture to be purchased of collectors. These when in fragements are put together and made up into every article of furniture now in use, and as London has a direct and cheap communication with every part of the world by sea the American citizen and the Australian merchant who wishes to indulge in this taste may do it with the greatest ease and may purchase real antiques at such less expense than he could have the articles carved by modern artists." When this was written in 1835 all the factors which contribute to the creation of a new collecting fashion existed. The objects, the dealers, the auctioneers, the scholarly publications, and the collectors. Public museums alone were to join this group later in the nineteenth century. The most important early nineteenth-century collector of "Tudorbethan" furniture was Sir Walter Scott. He not only purchased furniture in Wardour Street for his house at Abbotsford but he also very amusingly satirized the whole business of collecting antiques and the gullibility of collectors in his novel *The Antiquary*. But in his historical novels like *Kenilworth* he portrayed the England of "Good Queen Bess" in such an exciting way that its artifacts were bound to appeal to collectors. By 1826 Christies were holding regular sales of old pieces of carving suitable for making up into pieces of reproduction "old oak" furniture. Many of these were from Continental monasteries secularized during the Napoleonic wars. In 1834 the eagerly awaited scholarly publication appeared, Henry Shaw's splendid folio *Specimens of Ancient Furniture*.

The problems which accompany the revival of a recent historical style can now perhaps be understood. By the early 1820s collectors could choose from pieces of genuine Elizabethan or Jacobean furniture, pieces restored to a greater or lesser extent, pieces completely made up from old fragments of carving and lastly country and town houses. By modern pieces in the Elizabethan or Jacobean style. To the present-day dealer, collector or museum curator the little-restored genuine pieces and the modern pieces made of new wood in the 1820s should be fairly easy to recognize. But the heavily restored and totally made-up pieces present great problems. Made-up pieces constructed one hundred and fifty years ago often show signs of considerable age. It is easy to place some un-Jacobean pieces such as pot cupboards or wash stands made from old carving, but those based upon actual pieces of existing early furniture are much more misleading. Some of the pieces illustrated by Shaw in 1834 are certainly not genuine but must have been sufficiently plausible to have misled him into illustrating them as "ancient furniture."





The chair on the left was made about 1880 by Wright and Mansfield. It is closely based on the one on the right, about 175, by Seddon and Son and Shackleton.

The Elizabethan revival was to last for the whole of the nineteenth century but by the 1820s a much more modern and complex revival had started. It has been called the "William Kent" revival but perhaps the "Palladian" revival would be more appropriate. The revival encompassed the designs for architecture, furniture and interiors of Wren, Vanbrugh, Inigo Jones and William Kent. The interest in the robust renaissance or Roman inspired works of these late seventeenth-century and early eighteenth-century designers and architects was very much part of the reaction to the severity of the "Greek" revival.

At this time it became fashionable to alter and re-furbish original pieces of Palladian furniture. New pieces in the Kentian manner were no doubt also made to furnish the once again fashionable Palladian country and town houses. By 1836 John Weale, the publisher and bookseller, was selling both re-prints of complete eighteenth-century furniture pattern books and new compilations of eighteenth-century designs, these books were often printed from original surviving eighteenth-century engravers copper plates. Two examples from an 1836 Weale catalogue in my possession are: *Designs for Chimney Pieces and Chimney Glasses, The One Above The Other, In the Times of Inigo Jones and Sir John Vanburgh* and *Genteel Household Furniture In The Present Taste (About 1730) Containing upwards of 350 Designs.*

The "Palladian" revival had by 1836 shaded into what was then called the "Old French" or the "Louis XIV" style. It is now often called the "Rococo" revival but this is too narrow a term for a style which included not only English and French rococo forms but late seventeenth and early eighteenth century French classical motifs as well. I have heard this style recently graphically referred to as the "Louis the who?" or the "Tous-les-Louis" style. In 1836 Weale published *Specimens Of The Celebrated Ornaments And Interior Decorations of The Age of Louis XIV Selected From The Magnificent Work of Meissonnier*. The fact that Louis XIV died in 1715 and that Meissonnier's first recorded design dates from 1723 indicates the confused nature of the "Old French" style.

For those cabinet makers who were keen to make reproductions of the work of the English rococo designers there were numerous books available from the ubiquitous Mr Weale. In 1834 he published *Chippendale's One Hundred And Thirty Designs Of Interior Decorations In The Old French Styles* and *Lock, Jalmson and Copland's Ornamental Designs*. Of the latter designs a reviewer said in 1834: "They were originally published more than half a century ago, and this work is a reprint with a view to supply the present demand for the grotesque fanciful ornaments commonly said to be in the style of Louis XIV" These are just two examples from a whole range of pattern books published by Weale at this time. These are the books which should be consulted by collectors, dealers or museum curators when they have a piece of undocumented eighteenth century furniture. The appearance of a design from which the piece could have been copied in one of these books of course does not more than indicate that cabinet makers had access to the design in the 1830's.

Considerable quantities of reproduction furniture in the Chippendale style have been made from the 1830's until the present day. But by the 1860's taste had advanced to embrace the designs of Hepplewhite Sheraton and their contemporaries. Naturally reproductions began to appear in large numbers, one of the leading firms in this field being Wright and Mansfield. Their splendid satinwood cabinet in the manner of Robert Adam which was shown at the Paris Exhibition of 1867 was purchased from the exhibition by the South Kensington Museum. It can be seen today in the Victorian Primary Galleries in the Victoria and Albert Museum. When the firm went out of business in 1886 the museum purchased from them a pair of fine satinwood chairs, a card table and a pembroke table all said to be in "the style of Sheraton".

The museum purchased in 1968 another chair, one of a set supplied in about 1790 by Seddon and Son and Shackleton to a client in Guernsey. The Wright and Mansfield chair is a close, but not exact reproduction of the 1790 chair; had it been subject to normal wear since 1836 rather than standing in a museum it would have much more closely resembled the earlier piece. Had it turned up without provenance in 1975 would it have been dated to 1790 or 1890? Both chairs can be seen in the primary galleries of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The various early reprints of eighteenth century pattern books mentioned in this article are of interest in their own right to both book, print and furniture collectors and historians. As I have said many were reprinted from still surviving eighteenth century plates, of which in some cases no eighteenth century impressions have survived. Thus many of these important and interesting designs only exist in these reprints which, ironically, have themselves been neglected because they were *only* nineteenth century copies.

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Drink

Not just rum by another name

The spirit of the French West Indies—Guadeloupe, French Guyana, and, especially, Martinique—is rhum. This is not the same, either in taste or by definition, as the rum made in the British West Indies and widely available in the United Kingdom. As yet only two types of French Caribbean rhum are on sale here, although French restaurants may have others.

About 70 per cent of French households keep Rhum Negrita, the big brand of Bardinet, in the kitchen, for it is considered invaluable in making not only pastries and sweet things, but for flaming and "degreasing" meat and fish.

As early as 1921, French Caribbean rhum became subject to legislation. It is the *eau-de-vie* of sugarcane, distilled in a single operation. This distilling is done either from the juice of the cane, from cane syrup, or from cane molasses, and these must all be made where the cane is grown. Rhum therefore cannot be made on the French mainland, nor can it be rectified or flavoured once it leaves the Caribbean. The United Kingdom definition of rum, however, merely requires that it is the product of sugarcane, fermented and distilled in a cane growing country. The EEC definition is still under discussion, but it seems probable that it may be nearer to the French one.

Today, rhum is made only in the continuous or Coffey still (named after its inventor), although in the past the pot still was used. The great rhum establishments each make a range of products, but the French always seem to have preferred a type of spirit different from that required by the British. In some ways, it seems that the French drank and drink rhum rather as the British take scotch, as a social drink for almost any time of day, rather than mainly as a warmer.

The use of rum by the British, especially in the Royal Navy, was adopted as early as 1740 by Admiral Vernon, who stopped the issue of small beer and substituted rum, which, in addition to being a warming drink, was supposed to act against scurvy. Even today in France *un grog* of rhum and hot water perpetuates his memory for his habit of wearing a grogram cloak, of heavy material, caused him to be nicknamed "Old Grog". The rum ration was only recently discontinued. But it was not until the Crimean campaign in the middle of the 19th century that the French army rations of marc and wine were superseded by an issue of rhum.

It is difficult to generalize about a commodity that can vary so much, but it is possible to say that, up to now, the British taste has been for rums that are either very full-flavoured or for the white rums so popular nowadays.

The CODE Rhum, at 33 rue Lamartine, BP 412, Fort de France, Martinique, who will arrange visits to distilleries for specially interested tourists, are specific about the three types of rhum. All rhum is made from sugarcane, which is crushed, and then either the pure juice, or a mixture of water and syrup, or water and molasses is *rhum vieux*, fermented, generally for about 48 hours. Rhums called *grand arôme*, usually undergo a slower fermentation. Then the result is distilled. *Rhum industrielle* is rhum made from molasses of sugarcane; *rhum agricole*, sometimes referred to as *Grappe Blanche*, because of its light colour, is made from the concentrated juice of sugarcane, and in this it resembles *rhum de sirop*, which, like the *grand arôme* rhums, is particularly a speciality of Martinique. *Rhum agricole* takes on colour from the wood in which it is subsequently matured and it is this rhum that is the most usual base of the Planter's Punch that, in the French Antilles, is generally referred to as *un planteur*. Finally there is *rhum view*, which, to be entitled to this name, must have been matured for at least three years in oak casks; many rhums of this type will have been aged in wood for much longer, and, as well as taking on colour, they develop the curious, subtle aroma that makes them so unusual. A fine rhum of this kind can hold its own as a classic spirit with any.

The drinks incorporating these rhums are quite unlike those of international cocktail bars. *Ponche* or punch was used as early as the seventeenth century to signify a drink based on rhum, plus spices, sugar, egg yolks and milk, rather like some of the early punches referred to by our British ancestors. But today a *petit punch* or *ponche blanc* is a short drink, one part white rhum, one part sugarcane syrup and either a slice of green lemon or zest of lime, plus a few ice cubes. Rhum of this white type is not much imported to the United Kingdom as yet, but you may be able to find some in French restaurants and the Bardinet brand, Old Nick, is widely available in France. Or, of course, any white rum may be used.

A *vieux punch* is basically the same recipe, but with *rhum vieux* used, and no lemon. You can add a little cinnamon or nutmeg if you wish. For this, Rhum St James is of the type used (£4.95, from Ellis Son & Vidler, 66 Warwick Square, SW1).

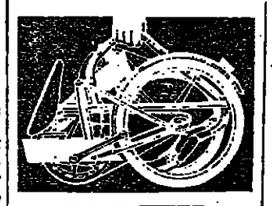
My own feeling is that, in general, both these recipes are too short and sweet for the average Briton, and I suggest cutting down on the sugar syrup and perhaps adding a dash of soda—the rhum can seem very strong in such small quantities.

The *Planteur* can be a delicious drink when properly made, but unfortunately many hotels make up the mixture a long time in advance, when it seems both too sweet and indefinite in flavour. Ideally, it should be mixed only just before serving and care should be taken to avoid excess garnishing or use of so many different fruits that the result tastes insipid.

The basic recipe is for one part of sugarcane syrup to four of white rhum, plus fruit juices as liked—orange, grapefruit, pineapple, coconut milk; but it can well be made with Rhum Negrita (about £4.04 from The Vintage House, 42 Old Compton St. W.1). The use of lime seems important to me, and although some recipes insist on "One of sour (lime), two of sweet (sugar), three of strong (rhum), four of weak (ice)". I would suggest that the sugar syrup is kept to one part, the fruit juice to two, the rhum to three or four, and that the lot is shaken with crushed ice. Lemon juice does not ever seem as agreeable as lime.

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Those brilliant insufferables

the inspector is a past master; and bottom left there is a young boy, obviously endowed with a wisdom beyond his years and considering a chess position with the white pieces.

All are current champions of the Soviet Union. The odd man out is Inspector Clouzeau's double who turns out to be former world champion Andris Andreiko of Riga, the present draughts champion of the USSR. The girl is Maya Churdanidze who, on her fifteenth birthday recently, won the Soviet girls' championship. The boy is Garik Kasparov of Azerbaidjan who recently won the Soviet chess championship for the under-18s at Tbilisi in Georgia with a score of seven out of nine (five wins and four draws). The tournament included 38 boys and 28 girls and was played on the Swiss System, in which players of the same or similar scores are paired. Kasparov tied with the 16-year-old Tbilisi player, Zurab Sturua, but was awarded the title on a tie-breaking system.

He must indeed be a remarkable prodigy, for he is only 12 years of age. According to the Novosti Press Agency: "This is the first case in the history of Soviet Chess competitions of a 12-year-old becoming the country's champion. Ex-world champion Mikhail Botvinnik, who trains Kasparov at his junior chess school, highly assesses the boy's talent, his keen combinational vision and the speed with which he calculates variations."

Among his illustrious predecessors were: Smyslov, Averbach, Petrosian, Korchnoi, Spassky, Karpov and Romanishin. But none of them was as young as Kasparov when they won the title.

We in England have our own prodigies. We have a 12-year-old, Julian Hodgson, who, like Kasparov, is also an under-18 national champion, having won the title recently at the London Junior Congress. The organizers of the tournament state: "Distinguished former winners of the London under-18 include Golombek and Keene. Till now the youngest winners were Jonathan Penrose and John Nunn at the age of 15."

Starting, as it were, from such a high level, Julian Hodgson seems certain of a great career, not only in national but in international chess. A performance just as striking at the London Junior Congress was that of Nigel Short who, at the age of 10, won the London under-14 championship. The great work done by the Slater Foundation training programme is demonstrated by the fact that it spotted Nigel as a fine prospect when he was nine and arranged for him to compete in the Jersey International Open where he scored four out of seven including wins from two British senior experts.

The two prodigies made their presence felt at the simultaneous exhibitions given recently by the two Soviet grandmasters Korchnoi and Bronstein very soon after the end of the Hastings Christmas Chess Congress. Hodgson beat Bronstein and Short beat Korchnoi. Here is the latter game.

White: V. Korchnoi. Black: N. Short. French Defence.

1	P-K4	P-K3	6	P-KB4	P-QB4
2	P-Q4	P-Q4	7	P-QB5	Kt-QB3
3	Kt-Q2	Kt-KB3	7	Kt(Q2)-B3	P-QR3
4	P-K5	Kt-Q5			

7 . . , Q-R4 is recognized as best here.

8	B-K2	Q-B2	11	O-O	B-Kt2
9	Kt-B3	B-K2	11	B-K3	

Bronstein afterwards pointed out that 11. P-B5, KPxP, 12. Kt-B4, would have left Black badly placed and in fact Black's best move now is 11 . . , P-Kt3.

11	. .	P-KR3	12	Kt-Kt3	

or now White could still have played 12. P-B5, and if 12 . . , PxBP; 13. Kt-B4, Kt-Q1; 14. P-K6, PxKP; 15. Kt-K5, B-B1; 16. Q-R5 ch, and wins.

13	Kt-Kt5	P-R3	18	R-B1	PxP
14	Q-Q3	Kt-R4	19	BxQP	Kt-B3
15	Q-Q2	P-R4	20	B-Q3	Kt-Q2
16	R-B1	R-QB1	21	Q-Q2	Kt-B1
17	P-B3	Kt-B1	22	P-KR4	Kt-R4
			23	Kt-Kt5	

. . Kt(R1)xP

nice idea that is most disconcerting to the simultaneous player. The last 10 moves have been very well played by Black.

24	Kt	KxP	27	Kt-B5	P-B4
25	K	KxB	28	B-B2	B-B3
26	Kt	B-B4			

that if now 29. B-R4 ch, P-K

30	R5	P-QKt4	33	K-B2	BxB
31	Q	P-K3	34	QxB	QxQ ch
32	(R5)-	P-QR5	35	KtxQ	
33		K-K4			

O 35. PxQ, R-B6 followed by the doubling of Rooks on the QB file with the further threat of RxB and P-Kt5 dis.ch.

36	BxKtP	PxB	40	Kt(Kt5)-B3	
37	B	P-B7 ch		R(Kt1)-Kt2	
38	K	P-Kt4	41	Kt-K2	R-Kt5
39	P	P-B6			
			42	Kt-B3	

If 42. K-B2, R-Kt7; or if 42. R-R2, P-Q5.

43	K	BxKtP	45	R-Kt7 ch	K-B1
44	K	P-KKt5 ch			
		P(Kt5)-Kt6	47	Kt-Kt4	
45	R	QB5		R(B7)xP	
46	R	P-B7		resigns	

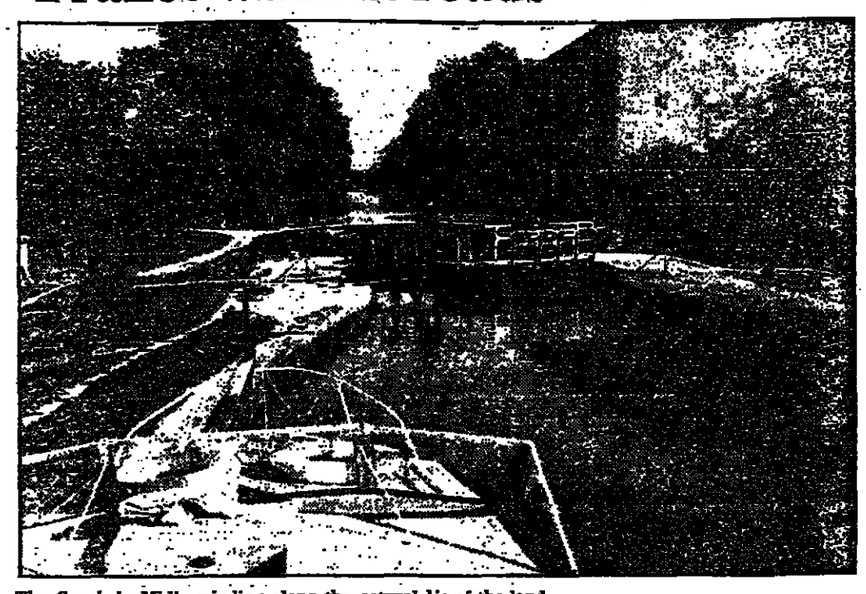
There are too many threats: (1) R-KB7, or (2) R-Kt7, or (3) P-R6. Karchnoi remarked "I was surprised he could play such a strategic game at the age of 10."

Harry Golombek

Edward Mayer's Bridge column appears on page 14 today.

Travel

France without roads



The Canal du Midi: winding along the natural lie of the land

Cycling along the bumpy towpath of the Canal du Midi in southern France may have been doing wonders for my digestive system and general health, but long-dormant muscles were protesting. After half-an-hour, I felt that my postillion had been struck by lightning, but the suffering was worthwhile for the ride carried me ahead of the boat in which my companions were slowly travelling, and then away from the canalside to a small village and its morning market. There I was able to buy the ingredients for our midday meal—fresh bread and cheeses, tomatoes, paté and bottles of wine. Nothing especially fancy about any of it, but more than enough to see us through a gentle afternoon.

Gentle, indeed, is the word that remains firmly in my memory of that holiday, for the pace was slow and the exercise of locking through—winding the sluices and opening lock gates for our craft—was always an excuse to pause and contemplate the canalside scenery over a coffee or a glass of wine. People who hire boats on the Canal du Midi tend to assume they will be able to travel much farther than is practicable, certainly if they have no experience of canal holidays. It takes a day or so for such newcomers to adjust to the slower pace but that is where the enjoyment of an inland waterway trip is to be found, and the Canal du Midi is no exception.

It was built in the late 1600s—King Louis XIV having issued an Edict for its construction in 1666—and the brain behind it was Pierre Paul Riquet who realized, during his journeys through the region, that there was ample rainfall on high ground 40 miles to the north to supply the highest point of the proposed canal at the Col de Naurouze, the watershed between the Atlantic and the Mediterranean.

Today's holiday travellers should be grateful for the fact that Riquet, like James Brindley in England, was a "contour" man—preferring to wind his waterway along the natural lie of the land in order to minimize the cost of cuttings and embankments. This means a minimum of locks. His thought in planting both banks with trees, so boatmen and horses could work in the shade, is another pleasant aspect of the Canal du Midi.

I mentioned earlier the work involved in locking through, but the locks are manned and keepers generally do this for you, although they appreciate a hand with the gates and you could find yourselves doing much more if you are inclined—as we were. The lock cottages were also very useful sources of supply for eggs and fresh vegetables, but we left that aspect of the holiday to the ladies. Not for any male chauvanistic reason but simply because they were better at buying and catering than we men!

The canal runs from the Port de l'Embouchure at Toulouse to the great inland salt water lake—the Etang de Thau—on the Mediterranean coast, and the company through whom we hired our boat has its principal base at Castelnaudary, a shade under half way from Toulouse. From that base it is possible to travel the 190 kilometres (and 43 locks) to the Mediterranean, but do bear in mind my comment about the ideal pace of such a trip, and do not try to take on more than will be enjoyable. It is also possible to travel in the other direction to the Bordeaux region.

To do this, one journeys along the Canal du Midi and the Canal Lateral à la Garonne, built in the 19th century to complete the link between the oceans. It does not go right to Bordeaux, but joins the Garomne proper about 35 miles upstream of the city. From Castelnaudary to this junction (Castets-en-Dorthe) is 259 kilometres and 74 locks — requiring much more time and effort.

Whichever direction you choose, you will encounter some commercial traffic. Enough, at any rate, to bring variety to the scene. You will also encounter some remarkably pleasant people who do not appear to have let "tourism" corrupt their values or their sense of proportion. But the pattern of each day must be set by your own inclinations and should be that gentle one I have described. Evenings invariably found us close to some small town or other where we dined out, having decided that the "self catering" element of this break would be confined to the preparation of breakfast and the provision of picnic lunch on each day. The sharing of that last task is what brought me into the saddle of the bike put on board.

The company through which you may hire boats on these canals is Blue Line Cruisers, and its headquarters are at 27a, Clifton Road, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV21 3PY. The fleet consists of a number of modern craft designed to take four, five or seven people with room aboard for an extra person—if not at a pinch, then at only a moderate squeeze. The craft do take a little getting used to, though they should be no problem to anyone with basic commonsense and, perhaps some experience of driving. What makes them seem formidable is their 8ft beam and length ranging from 24ft to 39ft—a large size to manoeuvre. The cost of hiring depends on the time of year you travel—the weeks between early March and late November being divided into five "periods" according to demand.

This year, for example, it will cost £94 a week to hire the "Blue Elysian" class of boat in the low season. This boat accommodates four or five people but the price is *not* per person but for the craft, so should be divided among the number travelling. The weekly cost rises to a peak summer price of £238. Now this is just the cost of the boat hire. Getting yourself to and from Castelnaudary is extra, although an arrangement has been made by the company for a special inclusive deal for motorists which considerably reduces the cross-Channel cost. The arrangement is in conjunction with Townsend Thoresen on the Dover to Calais or Boulogne routes and between Southampton and le Havre or Cherbourg.

There are, of course, rail services to Toulouse and one may also fly there, and to Montpellier.

Apart from Blue Line Cruisers, other companies offer vessels for hire on this and other inland waterways of France, and I have mentioned these in previous articles. You should be able to get information from a travel agent or, of course, from the French Government Tourist Office at 178 Piccadilly, London, W1V 0AL. However, there is another source of information—a free brochure called European Boating which covers not only canal and inland waterway holidays in France, but also Denmark, Holland and Ireland. You may get a copy by writing to Boat Enquiries Ltd., 7 Walton Well Road, Oxford, OX2 6ED.

John Carter

Gardening

Coping with cold

Last week, by one of those misunderstandings that sometimes happen in an editorial office, the headline over my article suggested you could produce sufficient vegetables for a family of four from a five rod plot. The cropping plans I was thinking about, of course, are those for a 10 rod plot. I am sorry if I raised anybody's hopes unnecessarily.

The cold spell will, we hope, have a small bonus for us in that some of the overwintering pests may be destroyed. While none of us really like cold spells, with the cost of fuel as it is, one every few years does have the effect of getting the balance of nature, if there is such a thing left in our artificial world, more into equilibrium. If the cold weather is prolonged many birds will suffer which will be sad, but in the cruel way of nature such tragedies are normal.

If you have a pool with fish, try to keep a small area free from ice. One way in a small pool is to make a hole by standing a kettle of hot water on the ice, renewing it if necessary until the ice melts through. Do not break the ice by hitting it with a hammer as this may injure the fish. Then either siphon out, or bale out water until there is an air space of about an inch between the ice and the water. Cover the hole with a sack, but lay it on two of three short canes over the hole to prevent it sagging under the weight of snow and touching the water. With this air space under the ice the water will not freeze again.

An easier way of course to provide a breathing hole is to install a small electric immersion heater in the pool. This is a short rod fitted to a float, and this rod gives enough heat to keep an area about a foot across free from ice.

Monday, February 2, was Candlemas Day. It was neither "cloudy with rain" nor "sunny and bright". The old rhyme does not provide for the dull freezing conditions which actually prevailed for most of that day in Surrey. But I assume they boded no good for the weeks immediately ahead.

In the past when fuel was cheap—or shall we say not so expensive—I am afraid I was rather negligent about saving fuel by preventing heat losses both from our old house and from the greenhouses and frames. Many of the windows of our old farmhouse do not fit too well, and I suspect many more modern windows also let the warm air out, or cold air come whistling in on a bitter night.

Since we discovered the clear plastic Sylglass adhesive tape, which comes in 1¼in or 3in widths, we have sedulously gone round the house and the greenhouses sealing cracks. It is amazing how this thin plastic material can cut out draughts and conserve heat.

And thinking about cold weather, it is always nice to know how cold the weather really is. A maximum-minimum thermometer placed far enough away from the house not to be influenced by the warmth of the building is most useful.

By now I hope anyone with tender shrubs or plants such as amaryllis or nerine bulbs will have covered them with a six-inch layer of peat or leaves. Also, if you have planted any camellias in the past year or two, or if you have any in pots in a cold frame or in the open, I would give them a really good protective covering. If those in pots can be moved into a heated greenhouse, so much the better. I lost a splendid collection of new camellia varieties in pots during the 1962-63 winter, and these were in a cold frame covered with mats.

Remember that in a really cold spell no unheated garage or shed is frost proof. Nor indeed is the loft of your house if the temperature falls to, say, 10°F or less. One friend, a devoted dahlia enthusiast, used to haul his dahlia tubers up to his loft every autumn. In 1962-63 he lost the lot. So if you can, bring indoors or into a frost-proof greenhouse any tubers, corms or bulbs such as onions.

If you usually have a fair quantity of these things, including potatoes to store, it is worth considering building some racks in your garage and installing a fan assisted heater. You then have the added advantage of a car that starts at the first touch of the switch on even the coldest morning and with the consequent saving of wear and tear on the battery and the engine.

If any form of heating in your shed or store is out of the question, it is possible to protect tubers, potatoes and other root crops, if you can obtain a sack or two of vermiculite from a builders' merchant. Lay a layer a foot thick on the floor, put your tubers on this, and then cover them with another foot-thick layer. This should keep out many degrees of frost, and the vermiculite can of course be used year after year.

Roy Hay

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George Hutchinson

The great Conservative caravan rolls on

Next week Mrs Thatcher celebrates her first anniversary as leader of the Conservative Party. During the year she has covered much ground on her romantic journey towards that glittering seat of political power, 10 Downing Street. There are many who will salute what she and her travelling companions have already *accomplished and wish them* well as the great caravan presses on, watered, refreshed and imbued with a sharpening excitement, distant though the histo[illegible]ination may be.

Mrs Thatcher is entitled to reflect that the Tories have settled down very pleasingly in the 12 months since the leadership contest. In her own ranks she has few detractors worth speaking of, which may be thought remarkable considering how grossly she was reviled by some of Mr Heath's supporters for daring to challenge his authority. She now knows that the Conservative Party is overwhelmingly behind her, not only at Westminster but in the country; what is more she knows that she is engaging the interest, sympathy and approval of many others—a vital advance of incalculable promise to the Tories.

This is the product, I believe, of a set of personal values that commend her to *people of more than one* political persuasion, values lying closer to their hearts than is sometimes apparent. Mrs Thatcher appeals to them not only as someone of public distinction and attainment, but as a private person, a wife and mother whose domestic life—pleasant, orderly, stable, comfortable but never extravagant—represents a standard that any family can respect and admire. To speak of her as conventional or "suburban" (a favourite word with her grander critics) is to do Mrs Thatcher no harm at all. To most of her fellow-citizens these are not even terms of mild disparagement, let alone dismissal: the majority are themselves conventional (or conservative) from instinct, and half are happy to live in suburban homes.

By precept and example, she is often identified with old-fashioned conceptions of thrift, self-reliance, hard work, ambition. She displays a sound understanding of children, their upbringing and education. She has become known for her plain speaking. Her courage, like her industry, is self-evident. She has a friendly, direct way with ordinary people encountered on her travels. She combines humility and authority.

None of these attributes is remarkable in itself, much less unique: all are to be numbered, however, among the qualities and characteristics now commanding broader support than some Tories, of allegedly "modern" outlook, were able to foresee—but then the "trendies" are nearly always wrong in political judgment, having little affinity with the true instincts of the people, their hopes and sentiments. "Modern" they may be: but they are mere managers—if that.

To say this is not, of course, to deny the importance of good management and organization in a party's affairs: its fortunes at the polls may turn on them. They are inseparable from successful leadership, which without them may fall short of fulfilment. In this respect Mrs Thatcher is not yet fully equipped. She needs—as she knows—to strengthen her own private office, the Conservative Central Office and the Research Department. With the party chairman, Lord Thornycroft, and others she will be doing so in coming months, releasing here, recruiting there, until the machinery can meet the demands that sustained preparation for a general election must impose.

Although the Tories have lately been handicapped by an alarming lack of funds, and were even threatened with insolvency, I gather that things are improving. With careful housekeeping, they may now be able to afford such services as are needed. Mrs Thatcher will not overlook the value of voluntary assistance, however, for which she has a proper respect.

When their leaders are so inclined, political parties can always enlist specialist help at the centre without paying a penny for it, just as they can in the constituencies. There are well-wishers in every profession who will do things voluntarily—freely—for the party of their choice, contributing time and knowledge without expectation of a fee. If the Conservatives had recognized this more fully in recent years they could have saved many a pound. But they were reckless: they had too much money, and spent it all. That is not Mrs Thatcher's way.

Mrs Thatcher can be expected to encourage the voluntary tradition, and in due time (given the authority of office) to reward outstanding service in the customary manner. While not disdaining the salaried official or (on occasion) the expensive consultant, she is never likely to forget that any political party would quickly come to nothing without the loyalty and effort of its voluntary workers. She seems assured of both by her generous recognition of that truth, quite apart from other reasons.

Now, as she enters the second year of her leadership, she has to shape a coherent programme of government while conducting the day to day business of opposition to the best effect. The values that have informed and guided her own life, private and public, must find expression in the policies on which she will eventually go to the country. Much remains to be settled, for members of the Opposition Front Bench, like the ranks behind them, are not all in agreement. Over electoral reform, for example, Mr Angus Maude (against) is at odds with Mr Douglas Hurd (in favour). On the economy, Mr Maudling is not at one with Sir Keith Joseph. Mr Whitelaw, her deputy, differs from Mrs Thatcher over capital punishment. There are divisions on devolution.

Thus the debate continues inside the Shadow Cabinet and elsewhere. There is nothing wrong with that, one might think, if the Tories are a party of principle rather than doctrinaire dogma. Free and informed discussion of great issues cannot be a bad basis for the formulation of policy. If the Conservatives were to lose yet *another election* (and it would be their fifth defeat in recent years) they might be sunk for ever and a day. The stakes are too high for anything but the most serious and thoroughgoing examination of *the policies on which they will* hope to return to office under Mrs Thatcher.

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Sportsview

On the trail of the 'Gateshead Clipper'

While the final triumphs and failures of the Winter Olympics are being recorded next week, Gateshead's sports and recreation manager will put on three track-suits against the cold and start running towards what many of the public are bound to see as an almost certain double gold medal goal in the Montreal Olympic athletics next July.

Brendan Foster takes the hurdle of public expectancy almost without breaking stride. "Everyone's already getting wrapped up on the Olympics and how Britain will do. But if you look at it in pure statistics, why should I win? After all, Britain's never won either the Olympic 5,000 or 10,000 metres. In fact I'm not worried about Fred Bloggs, on the docks in Southampton, betting his mate £10 I'll win. That doesn't affect me. It's the people round me in Gateshead who matter."

*Gateshead, the chirpy neigh*bour of Newcastle, has become synonymous with Foster as he has broken world records (two miles and 3,000 metres) and three times proved the best man in Europe over 5,000 metres, as well as, last summer, being the fastest 10,000 metres runner in the world. But Foster, his ebullient coach, Stan Long, and other members of the local Harriers, are quick to point out that Jack White, a professional runner known as "The Gateshead Clipper", set world's fastest times for two, three and six miles in the 1860s. As Long says, "There's always been a few runners about these parts".

Having lived through hard times in the past, Gateshead is not likely to get into a television commentator's lather of excitement about Foster's Olympic chances. But "Big Bren", as they nicknamed him, has made sure the temperature is kept low. "I've talked on local television and radio about the odds. They've seen me beaten on the local track by Dixon of New Zealand and they've learned to compare it with the ups and downs in football. So I'll leave Gateshead and go to Montreal and, whatever happens, I'll come back and find I've still got food to eat, a job to do, and my friends. Win or lose, it would be wrong if it was any different."

Foster's wife, Susan, is an obvious key to that sense of permanence. They met at Sussex University when he was reading chemistry and she economics. Susan often watches him race, keeping deliberately in the background and only showing her tension when she lights a cigarette. For all their closeness, playing Scrabble, Mastermind, chess and backgammon in the evenings, listening together to music, Foster firmly declines to bring in the sweeping strings. Dryly, he remarks "I wouldn't like people to think all you've got to do, to be a good runner, is to get married."

For all the security of his north-eastern stronghold, he knows that, in the end, he has to be self-reliant. These past two weeks he has purposely taken things easily in training, two to five miles a day, until he was itching to get back to the hard work. "It's harder than flat out training. You've lost the discipline, the sense of motivation. But having the break gives you the appetite again to run hard with the rest of the lads."

He has worked out, more or less by himself, the main periods of training. Up to the end of March he will be building up his weekly milage from 60 to over 100. The competition breaks, *which is* all races so early in the year, will include local road runs, the traditional "Five Mills" event, Italy, perhaps the English cross-country championships on March 13 at Leicester and national road relay at Sutton Coldfield in April. In May he will spend between two and three weeks at high altitude, probably at St. Moritz. He does not know whether the benefit is more psychological or physiological but he expects to feel better, and race better, after it. His first true goal will be the British Olympic trials at Crystal Palace on June 5 and 12.

The hardest task now, apart from the bitter weather which he hate it when I go out running just like a commuter setting off for his morning train', is working out what went wrong or right in his racing last summer. "You can't remember *races too* well. For example, the 1974 European 5000 championship in Rome. All I remember now is coming down the home straight and raising my arms. You don't recall how hard it was, earlier on, to break away from the others. Or how hard the training was by hand."

At 28, a former English schools 440 yards runner, a talented footballer who was offered a trial with Sunderland, fifth over 1,500 metres in the 1972 Olympics, sometimes handicapped by back injuries, Foster is beginning to know himself as an athlete. His training diaries tell him something, too. "They use the old maths books from school but now it's an exercise type desk diary, costing 75p from Boots, which tells you what the time is in San Francisco, Buenos Aires and New York."

The no-nonsense attitude also applies to a recent training holiday in South Africa. "Great place to live, but not for me. They've got big problems. No, I'm not a political eunuch: I pulled out of Rhodesia which wasn't multi-racial for *two reasons. I wanted to* race against the best and Mamabola happens to be there. But I also thought how could I feel if I ran in a country which wasn't open to blacks? I still might race in South Africa. But not those days. A national multi-racial team, they have—they're just a monument to apartheid and I want to run in local meets like we have in Gateshead."

Foster gets most irritated about the national Olympic obsession at moments when the uninitiated interviewer asks him if Montreal will be his first Games. "Hell, I came fifth in Munich and if I hadn't I'd ran in a country which was supposed to finish seventeenth. Look, there's a chance I'll retire after the Olympics, whatever happens. Right now, I'm enjoying myself too much. How about for a big story?"

Neil Allen



Brenden Foster: building up his weekly milage

An artist's images of freedom and imprisonment

The first British exhibition of paintings by Boris Penson opened in London this week at the Annely Juda Gallery. The artist was not present as he is half way through a 10-year sentence in a Soviet prison. The court also ordered the confiscation of all his personal property, but fortunately friends removed his paintings before the officials got to them, and some of these, plus later works done in prison, have been brought out of the country.

Penson has known imprisonment and separation from his family since childhood. Born in Tashkent, Uzbekhistan, in 1946, he grew up in Riga and was 10 years old when his father was arrested, during the infamous "economic" trials of Jews, and imprisoned for seven years. In a recent letter from prison Boris recalls: "Almost my very first childhood memories are linked with people who are representatives of Soviet law—or Soviet lawlessness. Military investigators, KGB collaborators, public prosecutors, court officials who implement verdicts, the thugs in charge of operations, prison warders. *They passed through* the life of my family in a long and gruesome chain, and later passed through my own life."

Boris has been sustained by a devoted mother, who tragically witnessed in him a repetition of *the treatment suffered by her* husband. When her letters were confiscated, Boris went on hunger strike, and after an official complaint Mrs Penson was informed that "for a systematic violation of the regime in the places of deprivation of freedom (convict Penson) has been repeatedly subjected to disciplinarian punishments". Now she has been expelled from the Soviet Union, leaving Boris virtually alone and defenceless.

At school he revealed some talent for drawing, *but it was* the Latvian painter Simon Gelberg who recognized his potential and undertook to train him. In one of his letters Penson says that Gelberg "noticed my penchant for colour", and despite his socialist-realist style, the teacher was sympathetic to the boy's hunger for a wider knowledge of European art. This valuable apprenticeship was cut short when Penson, at the age of 17, was denounced for anti-Soviet activities (which apparently amounted to criticisms voiced to his girl-friend), and sent to prison for five years.

Released after three and a half years, he was able to continue painting, but not to exhibit or sell his work. There is a marked maturity in his work between the years 1968 and 1970, evident in an assured self-portrait at the age of 22, and at this time he also began to involve himself in Jewish affairs. Eventually he applied for exit visas to Israel for himself and his mother, and on June 15, 1970, he was again arrested, this time charged with planning to escape from the country by hijacking an aircraft, and sentenced to 10 years forced labour.

In prison, Penson has been sustained by his involvement in art and the courageous help of friends, who have supplied him with working materials, but who, for the most part, have now left the country. To one of these he wrote asking for "reproductions of paintings, drawings, photographs — send me everything, and please add the name of the painter and all about him". His work reveals this thirst for knowledge of modern art and the breadth of his influences—Chagall, Picasso, Jawlensky and Rouault; and Cubism and Constructivism.

The difference between images of freedom and imprisonment are immediately recognizable. On the one hand, from the years between his two sentences, the sunny, tranquil landscapes, studies of the female nude, a vigorous game of hockey, and especially the charming series describing Jewish marriage. In contrast are the sombre, tragic images of incarceration, realistic compositions of prison buildings, the interior of his own cell, views from barred windows, as well as surrealistic fantasies based on nostalgia and desire.

Penson is fortunate in his talent, through which he can express both his misery and his hopes. Clearly his spirit has not been broken—so far.

Charles Spencer

Self-portrait by Penson

Up to their necks in muck and bullets

Generals and admirals since Julius Caesar have refought their old campaigns in print, often with more vigour and clarity than they displayed on the battlefield. Their ordinary soldiers and sailors tend to remain silent. Either they are dead; or there is less time to keep a diary in a front-line trench or a gun-turret than at headquarters; or they have been less literate and less interested in justifying themselves than their leaders. Two vivid worm's-eye views have just come to light to illuminate what it was like to be right in *the front line in two of Brit*ain's tremendous battles: Trafalgar and Gallipoli. Naturally they lack the eagle's eye perspective of strategy of the commanders. But they rub the reader's nose deeper in the mud, blood, brine, and smoke than most previous accounts.

Boatswain John C. Brown fought for Nelson at Trafalgar on board the 98-gunner Neptune, and kept a detailed diary throughout the eight days of the campaign and engagement. Here is an extract that gives a flavour of the atmosphere below deck at the first shock of battle:

"We still preserved our Fire until we came within Half Gun Shot of them when we engaged a French 80 commanded by Admiral Villeneuve after an Hours severe and Heavy Fire her Main and Mizzen Mast went close by the Board and in Less than Half an hour we shot away her Foremast, when she struck and dropp'd astern the Conquerer 74 took possession of her. Ten minutes had scarce elaps'd when the Spanish Admiral third in Command in Sn Trinidad a Four deck Ship came up and engaged us after Half an Hours Heavy Cannonading her Main and Mizon Masts went close by the Board. We then



A page from Private Bruckshaw's First World War diary

gave them three cheers, which was followed by the Conqueror astern of us which I think greatly daunted them as their Fire Slackened and we cou'd plainly perceive them running about in great confusion."

John Brown's diary together with his bosun's pipe and his medal are being sold on behalf of a private owner by Phillips in London next month.

Phillips have also discovered the First World War diaries of Private Horace Bruckshaw of the Royal Marines, and will sell them in London on February 17. Bruckshaw fought in the front foxhole of the bloodiest beach of the Gallipoli campaign, and was then killed on the Western Front in 1917 at the age of 25. He kept a detailed diary in pencil in notebooks with sketches of front-line positions and cartoons. Here is a typical extract from August 1915:

"The enemy in enormously strong numbers occupied some strong positions and simply could not be turned out. They were behind every small ridge and filled up every crevice of which there was an abundance. We had continually had encounters with them in a casual sort of way but now it had been determined to shift them at all costs. The enemy had their bite first, however. One night just after we had piped down and settled ourselves for the night routine of the trenches they made an attack. We repulsed them with very considerable loss and our monkey was well up now and as soon as daylight appeared we made a determined counter attack. It was no end of a stiff do. Blood, blood everywhere. Even splashes of it on my face and as for my hands, well, I looked an object indeed. You know too it was Summer time and by now the sun had risen so that streams of perspiration rolled from us. We took no prisoners and the slaughter was really terrible. Even as we killed them off, fresh ones appeared to take our special attention, and so the slaughter continued. We had at last cleared the place except for sundry stragglers who would no doubt be seen off later. We had killed scores, yes hundreds of the loathed enemy."

Such rare diaries from the men in the front trench, though artless and illiterate, melodramatic and sometimes mistaken about the overall pattern of the battle, get closer to what the bloody battle was like for participants than cool memoirs recollected in tranquillity from headquarters far behind the lines.

Philip Howard

Volga experiments with caviar

From Astrakhan, hub of the Soviet caviar industry, comes good news for gourmets. The Scientific Institute for the Study of Caspian Sturgeon Resources located in Astrakhan estimates the present Caspian sturgeon population at over two hundred million, roughly up to the level in the thirties, before the subsequent sharp decline. Several factors contributed to this decline. The inflow from the tributaries of the landlocked sea was sharply curtailed by the construction of the hydro-electric power stations and diversion of water for irrigation, thereby lowering the Caspian's level by more than 10 metres and diminishing its surface from 442,000 square kilometres to 371,000. Offshore feeding grounds were dried up and the sturgeon barred from their immemorial spawning grounds upstream by the power plant dams. Further heavy toll was exacted by overfishing and pollution by waste.

The first step towards preventing the endangered sturgeon from joining the dodo was to limit the catch by forbidding sturgeon fishing on the open sea and in the rivers where they go to spawn. The second was to reduce pollution. In 1968 the government authorized a programme to reduce pollution of the Volga and Ural river basins by unprocessed effluents. This has led to extensive installation of filtering and recycling systems. The main oil ports of the Caspian were equipped with plants for intake and filtration of sludge. In offshore oil fields provisions were made for preventing the spilling of oil into the sea and the escape of oil from the seabed.

The Soviet Union also enlisted the cooperation of Persia, which owns the southern end of the Caspian, and currently produces about 200 tons of caviar, *almost all for* export, including a considerable portion to the Soviet Union, as well as to western Europe and the United States. The Persians themselves have a religious dietary taboo against fish without scales.

Long range projects now under consideration call for doubling the Caspian's present annual water supply of 35,000 cubic kilometres. The first step would be to tap about 50,000 cubic metres from Pechora River which empties into the Arctic Ocean and reversing the flow of this water southward into the Kama River and thence the Volga. A further project envisages redirecting the outflow from Lake Onega and several other lakes in north-east Russia southwards to the Volga which would thereby receive an additional fifteen thousand cubic kilometres of water annually.

That is all in the future. Meantime to compensate for the loss of the sturgeon's ancestral upstream spawning grounds, 12 fish hatcheries are functioning at locations on the coast and inside the mouths of the Volga, Ural and Kura rivers. At present they produce about fifty million fingerlings annually. In 1970, with Soviet technical assistance, a hatchery was set up in Persia on a tributary of the Sefidrud River near the town of Resht. It now supplies five million fingerlings annually.

The present aim is not only to hatch more sturgeon artificially but to increase the tonnage of fish suitable for commercial use. Although the sturgeon population is now up to the level of the thirties, about 80 per cent are immature. The largest breed, Beluga (*huso*), takes up to 25 years to attain commercial weight. The medium-sized Osyotr (*arcipenser*) up to 18 years. The smallest breed, Sterlet, less than five years.

The experts claim that the Caspian can easily sustain double the present 200,000,000 sturgeon population and that in a few times' time the present annual catch of under 20,000 tons will be raised to more than 40,000. The caviar supply should increase in proportion.

Edmund Stevens

Going back to the Middle Ages to revive the international art market

The art market's slow but steady recovery during the past year from the worst collapse since the 1930s has underlined how universal (across income brackets and age groups) and international the interest in art and antiques has become. The trouble started in the summer of 1974 and by Christmas prices had tumbled in nearly every field; but Christmas proved to be the low point of the curve and after only *six months of recession* the recovery began, step by step.

The new art market which is rising out of the ashes of the old one is, not surprisingly, different. The element of purely financial speculation which led to a crazy spiral in prices in 1973-74 has disappeared. There is still a substantial element of investment buying but it is a long term affair, a hedge *against* inflation and currency devaluations. Sterling prices of art and antiques have increased in most fields over the past year—though rarely by more than the amount that sterling has slipped against major currencies.

The areas of the art market which saw the most dramatic price spirals during the 1973-74 boom were the worst hit by the collapse, and prices are still far below their boom levels. This includes twentieth century painting, some Chinese ceramics, most English painting, some English clocks. But a new range of areas are now being singled out for special interest, particularly those that reflect German, Swiss or Middle Eastern taste.

On one hand this is demonstrated *by the revival of in*terest in the Middle Ages and Renaissance, somewhat at the expense of the baroque, rococo and eighteenth century in general (German taste). On another, by booming prices for ornate decorative items of the nineteenth and twentieth century (Middle East taste). Spiralling carpet prices also reflect Middle East taste.

Within England itself, big *money* seems to have retired temporarily from the art market with its fingers a trifle singed. Small money, however, is getting ever more deeply involved. Phillips auctioneers report a striking increase in *the number of specialized* and very knowledgeable collectors who buy at auction, by-passing dealers; they are quite prepared to back their knowledge against the market to the tune of a few hundred pounds though they tend to stop short around the £2,000 mark.

But it is unusually difficult to generalize about the market; there are so many different types of pressure and shifts in taste at work. Some idea of this can be given by looking separately at major collecting areas.

Pictures: Impressionist, post-impressionist and twentieth century painting is still the area where you are liable to spend the most money acquiring a single item. It was hit particularly by the 1974 recession and reached its absolute low in the spring of 1975. The very best paintings are continuing to climb in price—for example, the Picasso self-portrait sold in December at Christie's for £283,500, but the middle range is difficult with fewer buyers around. It has always been difficult to match dealers' prices at auction for contemporary paintings (notably the American postwar schools); it is now more difficult than ever and little is turning up even in the sale room. The brief boom in modern British paintings is also definitely over, apart from a few internationally recognized artists. Here again owners are steering clear of the sale room.

The market in Old Masters is quite another matter; things have seldom been so good. Decorative Dutch and Flemish paintings of the seventeenth century are in strong demand, apparently from both Continental Europe and the Middle East. The Spanish have recently emerged as strong buyers and anything Spanish sells particularly well. German buyers seem interested in early paintings (fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries); they put the German school first, the Flemish second and the Italians third but all are going up in price. The American museum interest in the Italian seventeenth century seems to have become muted and French eighteenth century *works can still prove* difficult to sell.

So far as the nineteenth century goes, the English and Dutch schools took a hard knock in 1974, and though they are selling again cannot reach the price levels of two years ago. In contrast, the German, Austrian, [illegible] Spanish and French schools are keenly sought by their respective nationals.

Furniture: Demand for old furniture clearly exceeds supply in Continental Europe, and England, still the best source, continues to be milked. German and Dutch dealers are particularly active—looking especially for oak and early walnut. Every European country is particularly interested in its own styles and all Continental furniture is selling very well—especially the German, Italian and Spanish.

French furniture which generally enjoys a rather uneven market this side of the Channel is also in good demand. Grand English furniture is perhaps currently the most difficult to sell; the small money brigade will mop up minor pieces but fine mahogany or satinwood in restrained taste *suffers from the shortage of* rich English buyers. The top of the market in all European furniture is boosted by the number of Arabs who have bought stately homes in Europe and wish to decorate them in traditional taste. Carpets, which are generally sold with furniture, are quite another affair. Almost every type of Oriental carpet in good condition is going steeply upwards in price—with silk carpets in the lead. The only difficulty is at the bottom of the market; rugs under £200 in indifferent condition are difficult to sell.

Ceramics: Two years of unprecedented boom in the Chinese porcelain market was finished off by the Portuguese revolution in 1974; the top Portuguese buyer withdrew and the market collapsed. For some months nobody knew the value of anything but by the early months of 1975 it had settled down to a new level of prices and the recovery has progressed steadily from there. The finest pieces tend to find buyers in Hongkong and Japan but there is a strong market for minor decorative pieces in Europe. Chinese jades and bronzes were much less affected and continue to creep up in price.

So far as Continental European porcelain is concerned the demand for wares (*not* figures) is very strong with the work of German factories particularly sought after; the work of minor, short-lived factories are even more popular than Meissen. This applies equally to Austrian and Swiss porcelain. There is also a good international demand for French and Italian pieces. English porcelain which rose rapidly in value during the 1973-74 boom is still suffering a bit of a setback with occasional big prices for rarities.

Continental pottery is recording the biggest price rises of the whole ceramics field. German pottery has probably doubled in value over the past year. Its slightly primitive old world look is well in line with the current shift in taste; even English Delftware has risen in value by 30 to 50 per cent over the past year. Italian majolica is sought after by both Italians and Germans, and prices, particularly for minor pieces, have gone through the roof in recent months.

Glass has been relatively unaffected by the recent pattern of boom and recession; this is a field mainly patronized by real collectors. The value of English glass has been rising very gradually since about 1970—after a dramatic jump in the late 1960s. There has, however, been a sudden spiral in prices for Continental glass; it is the work mainly of three German dealers became apparent October, 1974, sale in The accent is on Ven other early European again a shift in taste the Renaissance and mitive styles.

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Black Champion

Those who take Russia's moves unconcernedly can point to Russia's discomfitures elsewhere in Africa—in Egypt for example, in Guinea or in Uganda. But Russia has learned from these essays in the development of spheres of influence, and is better placed throughout Africa, with better contacts at every level, than is understood. Championing the struggle against apartheid and racism offers a far more promising opening. The risk of being kicked out of Angola with an address of thanks is one that the Russians can cheerfully take, especially as they are being paid for their arms with western businessmen's money, from Cabindan oil or otherwise. If Zaire and Zambia contrive to keep Unita in the field for a long time the Russian influence in Angola's state apparatus will increase, the Cubans will get much useful campaigning experience, and the need for Russia to have "temporary" naval facilities will be the more.

If, on the other hand, President Nyerere were to persuade his colleagues to cut things short by recognizing MPLA, the Russians would have won a victory which would bring their proxy-power to the 1,000-mile frontier of Namibia. Swapo would then with some logic claim the same help in its struggle against South Africa (initially to install the soi-disant "legal" United Nations administration) as the Russians gave to the MPLA to kick the South Africans out of Angola.

Either way the position of Dr Kaunda and President Mobutu is becoming more difficult. Their own elites, particularly their dissidents and discontented young people, will see in Russia the winning influence. Both states are in grave economic straits due to loss of access to the Benguela railway, and much politically may depend on the improvement (which is occurring) in the other routes. This gives Presidents Nyerere and Machel a key role at this stage.

Cuban military success in Angola will be hailed as legitimizing the use of these revolutionary comrades elsewhere—against the defence of South West Africa against Rhodesia, and on all the Republic's vulnerably long borders. The call for their services will not lack prompting if Russia sees advantage in rendering such aid.

No less to Russia's advantage is the hardening of political lines in Rhodesia and South Africa. Mr Smith, it seems, can let the talks with Mr Nkomo languish. The chances of any advance to majority rule" recede as the crisis deepens, all to the advantage of the militants who want war and will invoke the promise of aid if peaceful talks fail. Similarly in South Africa security will be tightened and police repression increased. The mild relaxations of apartheid which have occured will end, perhaps be reversed, nor will South West Africa be prepared for independence. Such developments cannot but make the choice for the United States and Britain the more difficult, and their policies the more assailable from the left and from African militants.

Nobody doubts that South Africa's defences are strong. But that suits any plans Russia may have simply to extend its own influence and erase that of the West and the West's friends. It is the infliction of limited but spectacular military defeats, and the ensuing diplomatic disasters, that will most hurt South Africa, make its domestic security situation more tense, and perhaps complicate its Bantustan policy. Transkei is due for full sovereign independence this year.

Russia would not need to commit itself militarily to achieve such a position of diplomatic initiative, then perhaps dominance, in central Africa. At the least it would become difficult for any African leader to resist calls for the enlisting of Russian, and Cuban, help at any particular juncture.

Unstable future

Many Africans would count this progression of Russian policy more disastrous than an extended period of coexistence with white South Africa. Moreover, it will be argued that the disorganization and corruption of many African states will frustrate over-ambitious Russian plans. South Africa may therefore survive comfortably even without its former buffer states, at the cost of perhaps endemic border guerrilla war. But even this outcome would not indefinitely produce stability, and it would be disastrous for African welfare. This is still Mr Vorster's "alternative too ghastly to contemplate" in comparison with the détente he tried to secure and which it is in Russia's interest to frustrate.

The continental crisis which has been precipitated in southern Africa affects the interests of the free world as a whole. Britain has long been able to hold the balance between her vast economic and trade interest in South Africa and her friendships in black Africa. This posture is going to become progressively more unstable. It is time to study the prospects realistically, and to help our friends, black and white, African and otherwise, to face them. One of Russia's first successes is to have shortened the time available to the West for making this reappraisal.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pornography: risk of allowing unrestrained growth

From Mr Malcolm Muggeridge

Sir, The logical deduction from Dr Brian A. Richards's letter (February 5) would seem to be that in countries like Denmark and Sweden, not to mention California, where pornography is plentiful, unrestrained and cheap, a state of felicity exists untroubled by sexual strains and abnormalities. This is so evidently not the case that Dr Richards's whole argument, as it seems to me, falls to the ground. It would be like saying that people with sadistic impulses find relief in spectacles of violence, so Spain may be considered well ahead of backward countries like ours which frown on bull-fighting.

If the attitude taken in your excellent leading article is, as Dr Richards suggests, an intimation of a "sad personal sexual disturbance", then you are in good company—viz, every reputable Christian writer on the subject from the Apostle Paul to C. S. Lewis. According to Dr Richards, a St Francis was in need of his ministrations, a Marquis de Sade in good shape—which, as Euclid says, is absurd. In the Epistle to the Romans it is written that to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded life and peace. It is a proposition that has stood the test of 19 centuries of Christendom. On a basis of it, pornography, which Dr Richards is so ready to dispense, and which is by its nature and purpose conducive to carnal-mindedness, is likewise conducive to death.

May I wholeheartedly endorse Mrs Alan Kippax's admirably cogent statement of the Christian position in this matter.

Yours, etc,
MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE,
Robertsbridge,
Sussex.
February 5.

From Canon Eric Evans

Sir, In his article on the risks of allowing pornography to grow unchecked (February 3) William Sargent says that the "good Christians create so much trouble for everybody . . . by trying to speak for the enormous non-Christian majority". Christians (whether good or not) would like to think that we speak for the majority, and sometimes we do, but quite irrespective of that, Christians must speak as their conscience directs and according to their interpretation of the precepts of the New Testament. The Church's proclamation of the truth, as she believes it to be, in no way depends on majorities or minorities—vox populi vox Dei is not Christian Doctrine!

Christians believe that pornography not only divorces sex from love, often replacing it with cruelty, but also corrupts us into thinking that this does not matter. However, quite apart from what Christians say, the problems posed by pornography would still be with us, for men and women since the dawn of civilization have had to wrestle with the issues of good and evil and with what uplifts or debases the human spirit.

Over 350 years before Christ Plato advised good men not to act the parts of bad characters in drama for fear of corrupting their own personalities. In more recent times the once very liberal Dr Spock in his later writings (*Decent and Indecent*, 1970) declared that he saw futility in his early efforts if "children when grown find life disillusioning because the society they inherit is confused about sex and brutality and seems oblivious to the *loving and creative* potentialities of our species".

Lord Clark in his *Civilization* reminds us that it is lack of confidence more than anything that kills a civilization. We destroy ourselves by cynicism and disillusion just as effectively as by bombs, and he quotes W. B. Yeats, who over 50 years ago wrote:

"The ceremony of innocence is drowned
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity."

None of these whom I have quoted would have called themselves "good Christians", and yet all would agree with St Paul's advice "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely . . . whatsoever things are of good report . . . to think on these things".

Surely this is a time when *all persons* of good will who are concerned about the quality of life both of ourselves and our children need to be united in their determination to help our society do just that?

Yours faithfully,
ERIC EVANS, Archdeacon of Cheltenham,
35 St Mary's Square,
Gloucester.
February 5.

From the Reverend Dr H. C. Lefever

Sir, During the past few weeks I have noticed an increasing use of the terms hysteria and hysterical in your correspondence columns, notably in the discussion on pornography. Two instances this week occur in the letters from Mr John Mortimer (Tuesday) and Dr B. Richards (February 5).

In all these recent instances I have had the uneasy feeling that the terms are being used loosely to describe views, expressed with conviction, which one does not happen to hold oneself.

On the pornography issue I am an unashamed Puritan, but I would maintain that my views are based on an open-minded reflection on experience and are not "morbidly emotional" (Concise Oxford Dictionary). I refuse to be bullied by these latter-day Andrew Ague-cheeks.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY LEFEVER,
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February 5.

From Mr Charles McCullough, QC

Sir, A short acquaintance with pornography is enough to reveal that the activities photographed and described are, even in these days, comparatively few.

The Obscene Publications Act, 1959, having plainly failed to achieve what Parliament intended, consideration might now be given to the introduction of a measure which listed the activities which it would be an offence to describe in books or shown in photographs, eg (a) sexual activity involving a child; (b) sexual activity between a human and an animal; (c) sexual activity involving the infliction of pain—and so on. Those who have seen any quantity of pornography will have little difficulty in continuing the list.

Parliament might consider whether some activities might possibly be described in books, but might not lawfully be shown in photographs (eg, sexual intercourse). Agreement would no doubt be easier over photographs than the printed word, but at least this would be a start. There would, of course have to be certain exceptions, eg, for genuine medical text-books.

In writing to you I am not concerned to advocate that any particular activity should fall on one side of the line or the other, nor am I expressing any view as to whether one should aim to prohibit possession of such material or merely its public display. My purpose is simply to suggest that the introduction of a measure incorporating lists might be more constructive than further argument about the meaning of words ("obscene", "deprave", "corrupt", "indecent", "public good", etc), or a continuation of the hopeless search for some universal test by which the acceptable and the unacceptable can be reliably separated.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES McCULLOUGH,
2 Crown Office,
Temple, EC4.
February 6.

From the Revd Roger Lamont

Sir, To be kind and patient in regard to sexual deviation is one thing. To feed and encourage it is quite another.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER LAMONT,
St Philip's Vicarage,
70 Marksbury Avenue,
Richmond, Surrey.
February 5.

From Dr A. L. Jacobs

Sir, I cannot believe that Dr Brian A. Richards would have written as he did in his letter to *The Times* of today (February 5), had he been able in time to heed the warning given by Mrs Alan Kippax in the same issue and to read Deuteronomy, chapter 28.

He must now be chastened by the realization that he is in imminent danger, among other things, of consumption, madness, blindness, starvation and cannibalism, not to mention boils, haemorrhoids and cuckoldry.

Yours faithfully,
A. L. JACOBS,
126 Nether Street, N3.
February 5.

From Miss Juliet Walker

Sir, Surely there is something radically unbalanced in a society which in the space of one week sees the publication of *Inside Linda Lovelace*, and the vicious hounding of a man accused of a homosexual relationship which in any case he has denied?

Yours faithfully,
JULIET WALKER,
13 Wilton Crescent, SW1.
February 3.

From Mr Charles Janson

Sir, Mr Clifford Hanley (February 4) insists on the unproveability of depravement by pornography. This is a sophistry. Most propositions cannot be proved in this world; which is why we have to rely on common sense (formerly a great British speciality). Common sense and experience should convince us that the tendency of human beings to be cruel is only curbed by taboo. In Christendom one of the strongest taboos concerns the treatment of women, whom men have held in their physical power for nearly two millenia. To permit a pornography of cruelty is to scrap this taboo, with the most drastic risks among young males whose personality is as yet unformed. Your correspondents have already pointed out that an official cruel and anti-Christian regime, such as the Nazi-German, has its own pornography of cruelty which reflects and contributes to the regime itself.

Surely the real danger is the stimulation of cruelty rather than the perpetration of obscenity? The latter may be an offensive nuisance; but nuisances can often be given a wide berth.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES JANSON,
39 Edwardes Square, W8.
February 5.

The battle for a newspaper

From Mr Stafford Somerfield

Sir, Michael Leapman, reviewing in *The Times* a book about Rupert Murdoch by Simon Regan (January 29) says he would like to know in detail "how the interloper from Australia outsmarted people more experienced in City ways, to gain possession of his two London newspapers".

"Regan", writes Leapman, "does not, in the end, reveal anything of interest presumably because he has been unable to find much out."

I was editor of the *News of the World* when Murdoch got it. I know how it was done, and I have written about it. But my book, *Battle for a Newspaper*, has not been published.

The publisher, having paid me £1,000 in advance royalties, withdrew.

My problem now is to find someone who believes in Lord Cudlipp's dictum—Publish and be Damned—and says let the story be told.

Yours faithfully,
STAFFORD SOMERFIELD,
Panfield, Denne Park,
Horsham, Sussex.

Views of the left

From Mr Bert Ramelson

Sir, Unperturbed, or perhaps stung by the almost universal condemnation of his television programme *Who Says It Could Never Happen Here?*, as a particularly nasty example of the use of modern technique to distort the views of his opponents, Lord Chalfont unrepentantly resorts to the same technique in your columns (February 2).

He writes: "What is interesting about all this is not so much that the left resents the message which the television programme set out to convey—although *much of it was delivered out of the mouths of its own representatives*" (my italics).

But all the criticisms, including those of *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Listener*, which he omits to list, and they are hardly to be coupled among the left, were precisely that by use of scissors and glue he prevented the viewing public from hearing the views of those interviewed and indeed conveyed the very opposite of what they said.

That was certainly so in my case. By slashing, fragmenting and inserting such fragments in juxtaposition to fragments from other peoples' statements and by reducing a half hour interview to under two minutes, he conveyed on at least two crucial political issues the exact opposite of what I intended to convey. The particular distortion fitted in neatly with Lord Chalfont's obsessive theory of "political conspiracy".

To judge from my own experience in this sordid affair I would say that the following comment from the review of the programme in *The Listener* is much nearer the truth than Chalfont's outrageous statement that it "was delivered out of the mouths . . ., etc".

"It was unfair—particularly to some of the candidates on the left. Every question in every interview was cut out, so the viewer had no means of knowing the interrogative to which the abbreviated clips of answer were responding. 'Well, that is dangerous, very dangerous indeed.' What is dangerous? We shall never know, since the questions are now debris on the cutting room floor." *The Listener*, January 24.

Yours faithfully,
BERT RAMELSON, National Industrial Organizer,
Communist Party of Great Britain,
16 King Street, WC2.

One-sided threats

From Mr J. C. Broom

Sir, Western criticism of the Eastern block always "threatens détente". Eastern criticism of the West never does, or so it seems. Why?

Yours faithfully,
J. C. BROOM,
The Hermitage,
Burtenshaw Road,
Thames Ditton,
Surrey.

CD plates on cars

From Mr Stephen Whitwell

Sir, I read in *The Times* today that the mere use of CD plates (for delivering cakes) is no offence in London. Is it not time that it was?

When still a serving diplomat I remember asking the Foreign Office protocol people about the use of CD plates here and being told that it had no legal significance "as such" (like "mere" a supposedly helpful phrase which is in fact an obstacle to understanding). This was all very well when there was no parking problem in London. Now, with so many people trying, reasonably enough, to squeeze into so few parking spaces, it would be a public service if a regulation could be made restricting the use of CD plates to members of a diplomatic mission.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN WHITWELL,
Jervis Cottage,
Aston Tirrold,
Nr Didcot,
Oxfordshire.

Engaged

From Sir Douglas Price

Sir, May I be permitted to inform Mr C. C. Stevens (the lady in the interpretation which someone's contemporaries would have put upon the parents which he quotes against my definition of the word "spouse"?

Anyone familiar with the records of the confirmation courts in Britain since 1660 will know that the Church, like the law, recognized betrothal (engagement) as part of the process of "taking" a husband or wife, and it is this betrothal which is the equivalent of the modern engagement. Only when the betrothal was followed by the solemnization of marriage did the man become the husband and the woman the wife. If Mr Stevens will himself consult the dictionary to which he refers me he will find the word "bride" defined as "a woman recently married *or about to be married*".

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS PRICE,
Keble College, Oxford.

Is 'The Times' fair to the Arab lobby?

From Mr Kurt Metzer

Sir, I did not intend to contribute to the discussion on the "Zionism is racism" resolution, but I am interested by both your leader and the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding thesis (February 5) that you were not impartial.

I have also sometimes felt aggrieved that you have not published letters of mine, but I would suggest that sometimes this was because they were either too long for publication or too complex for the general public.

May I, however, put the very simple point that the "Zionism is racism" proposition is, in itself, a very complex one? Mr Adams—whom I have always found most courteous in correspondence—is guilty of a fallacy when he thinks that such a resolution can result only in "Zionist" or "anti-Zionist" letters.

The following propositions are neither Zionist nor anti-Zionist, but may help to enlighten your readers as to the factual content:

(1) Zionism is, in a sense, an essential part of historic Judaism.

(2) In that historic sense, however, King Feisal of Saudi Arabia was a Zionist. *He* might well have said: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget her cunning."

(3) The Jews are not a race (cf, for example, the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* review of blood groups).

(4) Judaism, as a religion, has had a racial overtone lacking in Islam because of the so-called "laws of Ezra" (which any reader of the Bible can look up) since about 400 BC.

(5) The *purpose* of Judaism, however, as is equally evident by reading the book of Isaiah, transcends the racial.

If I go beyond these five propositions, I would go well beyond the average knowledge or interest of your readers. The real mischief of the United Nations resolution is not, in my view, that it was false: on the contrary, it contained a very dangerous half-truth. One might equally well pass a resolution that the Palestine problem would be resolved by the Jewish National Home being transferred to Iraq, as it may well be argued that more of present-day Judaism originates from Mesopotamia than from the "Land of Israel". I wonder what the Iraqi Embassy would make of that? Certainly such propositions hardly lead to peace in the Middle East.

Yours very truly,
KURT METZER,
10 Hurst Lodge,
Stanley Avenue, Wembley,
Middlesex.
February 5.

From Mr Jack Davis

Sir, As a reader of your paper who, in the aftermath of the six-day war, had written a number of letters (all unpublished) critical of what I regarded as your pro-Arab stance on the Middle East conflict, may I welcome your leader of February 5.

In view of this latest attack on your editorial discretion I think that, for the record, the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding should know that countless letters from readers with pro-Israel sympathies have never been published in your columns.

May I also point out that whilst the pro-Zionist lobby appeared to have won the column-inch battle on the United Nations Zionist resolution, your editorial impartiality could be better tested by (i) counting the number of pro and anti Zionist letters published over a whole range of issues on the Middle East conflict since (say) the 1967 war, and (ii) your reporting on the number of pro and anti letters not accepted for publication over a similar period.

Yours faithfully,
JACK DAVIS,
39 Clarendon Gardens,
Wembley, Middlesex.
February 5.

From Mr A. L. Shane

Sir, You ask in your Editorial of February 5 "Is *The Times* fair to the Arab lobby?" Undoubtedly, yes.

It's the old story. If you cannot win the game by scoring goals—blame the referee. It is inevitable that in the selection of the daily quota of readers' letters to be published some one is going to be disappointed but I would have thought that the writers of those letters were the least qualified people to express an unbiased opinion upon their respective merits.

Judging by the contents of your readers' columns over many years, most readers would I think agree that you have clearly endeavoured to hold a balance between the many contestants for space and had succeeded. If readers have any complaint then it would be, as you Sir surmise in your Editorial, that too much space had in fact been devoted to this particular issue and that they would appreciate a rest.

Yours faithfully,
A. L. SHANE,
11 Park Place, St James's,
SW1.
February 6.

From Mr Bernard Silver

Sir, Your leader about the letter of complaint from the Council of Advancement of Arab-British Understanding takes the matter far too seriously. But the occupation of 38½ column inches in printing the letter should help to redress the balance.

I was going to ask you to print this in very tiny type in order to save valuable inches but we must think of those with bad eyesight. The 8½ s/c inches deficit is worth about £78.75 according to *The Times* advertising rate card and is unlikely to dent the Council's propaganda budget.

I could legitimately complain that my pile of rejection slips from you is higher than either Mr Adams's or Mr Reddaway's, or that you permit them to address you as Dear Mr Rees-Mogg while I have to content myself with Sir. Surely the real point is that it is depth of argument which is more valid than length.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD SILVER,
24 Berkeley Court,
Baker Street, NW1.
February 5

Public expenditure

From Mr Kenneth Winckles

Sir, The main news item in your January 26 issue reports, in relation to the White Paper on public expenditure, that "some work . . . must be eliminated, and that will mean a reduced service to the public". Something similar is usually said when manpower economies in the nationalized industries are under review.

No doubt some services are a very low priority and should go under any conditions; but, as a generality, the assumption and strut do should be challenged as a *non sequitur*.

Yours faithfully,
K. WINCKLES,
Moor House,
Fishers Wood,
Sunningdale,
Ascot, Berkshire.

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irm all-party support ions to the European 1978: this is splen- a nightmarish pros- opened up by the the Conservatives' ittee. (*The Times*, or delimiting the con- parently the wretched ommissions are to be carve up the United 67 brand new con- ch electing one mem- t-past-the-post system. on is to be divided ectangular?) pieces. break all records as rbitrary, contentious ng bureaucracy. Why simply let London, les, Ulster and the ns be individual con- ach electing several proportional represen- uld be simpler, fairer ural.

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R MAYHEW,
W20.

Indian art

dith Small Nash

ed reading about the which will take place nal Maritime Museum ticle, January 30) and d to seeing the show. hose of us who have for the past two years he Arts Council of 's bicentenary exhibit, cles, 2,000 Years of dian Art", which will Hayward Gallery in ld think it slightly par- r to the Greenwich ex- itain's main commemo- bicentenary". ard exhibit will contain the finest American s from over 80 tribes, st prehistory through y time, with film, photographs and pertinent documentation. We expect it to be the most major exhibit of native American art ever to be shown in Europe. Certainly, for anyone interested in the history of the North American continent, these two fine exhibits will be of equal value . . . the one from a European viewpoint and the other from that of the native American Indians.

Yours faithfully,
JUDITH NASH, Adviser,
The Arts Council of Great Britain
Sacred Circles Exhibit,
18 Hasker Street, SW3.
January 30.

Children at risk

From Mrs Margaret Wynn

Sir, Mr Peter Bottomley (January 31) rightly draws attention to the French postnatal allowances. It was, however, never the French purpose in linking first family allowances, and subsequently postnatal allowances with medical examinations only to discover children at risk. A committee appointed to advise on the services for children to be provided in the French 6th Plan recommended that, "the prevention of childhood handicap should be the first consideration in all medical and social action on behalf of children".

The French have shown that the eventual costs of neglecting handicap or neglecting the health of very young children are formidable and that the benefits from early prevention or early diagnosis and treatment much exceed the costs.

Yours sincerely,
MARGARET WYNN,
9 View Road, N6.
January 31.

Fish farming

From Professor R. A. Morton

Sir, Mr Geoffrey Jellicoe pleaded (January 26) for a national fish farm policy at a cost "no more than that given to Chrysler" with a possible "return of a £500m saving on food imports as a whole". He described the fishery industry as an "archaic, aggressive, costly, wasteful and dangerous method of obtaining only a tiny proportion of our food".

His views are perhaps misleading on two counts. First, he exaggerates the presently foreseeable profitability of marine fish farming and, second, he underestimates the actual and potential contributions of the fishing industry to human nutrition.

Much research on the cultivation of marine fish and oysters has been done in this country with the backing of the White Fish Authority, Government Fisheries Laboratories and the Natural Environment Research Council. Important advances have been made and the wider problems have been analysed. Gaps in knowledge have been identified and there is agreement that further research is necessary and timely.

It may soon become possible to maintain throughout the life cycle selected species for experimental work under controlled conditions. Many lines of investigation will then become feasible. Marine fish cultivation is at present bound to be expensive because for most of the time manufactured, protein-rich, nutritionally complete food must be used.

Although this will not inhibit investigation, commercial marine fish cultivation is likely to concentrate on those species that command a specially high price and be thus limited in scope.

The food produced in the seas depends on photosynthesis, with an immense growth of phytoplankton, which is the basis of food chains, leading to edible fish. The scale of world fishing industries is large and thanks to much investigation a sound basis for conservation already exists, though continued study must have high priority. The aim is to ascertain sustainable yields.

The protein obtained is potentially a net gain to nutrition whereas fish cultivation depends on the conversion of a large amount of cheap protein into a small amount of expensive food. Protein-rich materials are in such great demand for intensive poultry and animal husbandry that new sources may be needed to make marine fish farming commercially viable in the long term.

Marine biology, including fish husbandry, is an immensely promising field of research where it is far from easy to decide how best to use available resources. A large-scale investment in marine fish farming will be premature without thorough-going pilot trials, and when it occurs, it will be seen not as an alternative to fishing but as a supplement to it.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. MORTON,
39 Greenhill Road,
Liverpool.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 6: The Queen this afternoon visited International Computers Limited at Bracknell.

Having been received upon arrival by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Berkshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William Mount, Bt) and Mr Thomas Hudson (Chairman, International Computers Limited), Her Majesty toured the Centre and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Lady Susan Hussey, Mr William Heseltine and Major Robin Broke were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight this morning and drove to Higher Denham, Middlesex, where His Royal Highness visited the Martin Baker *Aircraft Company*.

Having been received upon arrival by the Managing Director and Chief Designer (Sir James Martin), The Duke of Edinburgh toured the factory and was subsequently entertained at luncheon.

Air Commodore Archie Winskill was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 6: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Chancellor of the University of London, was present this evening at a Ball given by the President of the Union at the University of London Union, Malet Street.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston and Captain James Duncan Millar were in attendance.

Her Majesty was represented by the Dowager Countess of Scarbrough at the Funeral of the Dowager Countess of Halifax which took place at All Saints' Church, Kirby Underdale, today.

The Earl of Harewood is 53 today.

Birthdays today

Mr Arthur Bottomley, MP, 69; Miss Dora Bryan, 53; Professor H. C. Darby, 67; Lord Rea, 76; Sir Raymond Streat, 79; Sir Brian Windeyer, 72.

TOMORROW: Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, 73; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, 63; Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, 63; Mr Harman Grisewood, 70; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Peter Hill-Norton, 61; Dr I. Jakobovits, 55; Sir Leonard Lindon, 80; Sir Kenneth Maddocks, 69; Lord O'Brien of Lothbury, 68; Professor Sir Richard Southern, 64; Sir John Wrigley, 88.

Lord Wall

The life barony conferred on Sir John Edward Wall in the New Year Honours has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Wall, of Coombe, in Greater London.

Latest wills

Admiral Sir John Frewen, of Northiam, near Rye, C-in-C Home Command 1969-70, left £72,756 net.

Lady Green, *of Mulhuddart, co* Dublin, wife of Sir John Green, left estate in England and Wales valued at £118,013.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed): Donald, Mr Seabourne Storrie, of Berden, Essex £169,632
Stevenson, Mr John Bernard, of Sutton Coldfield, company director £115,264

Church news

Resignations and retirements

The Rev A. E. F. Trotman, Rector of Chilmark, diocese of Sarum, on January 31.

The Rev F. A. Smith, Vicar of Upavon with Rushall and Chaplain, RAF Upavon, diocese of Sarum, on April 30.

Funeral

Dowager Countess of Halifax

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was represented by the Dowager Countess of Scarbrough at the *funeral service for the Dowager* Countess of Halifax held yesterday at All Saints', Kirby Underdale, North Humberside. The Rev D. A. Baker officiated, assisted by the Right Rev Douglas Sargent and the Rev J. G. Hardwick. Those present included: The Earl and Countess of Halifax and the Hon Richard Wood, MP, and Mrs Wood (sons and daughters-in-law), the Countess of Feversham (daughter), Lord Irwin, Brigadier Ian and Lady Susan Watson, Captain and Mrs Nicholas Brooksbank, Major Nico and Lady Clarissa Collin, the Earl and Countess of Onslow, Mr Richard Onslow, Mrs Priscilla Hastings, Lady Peake, Colonel and the Hon Mrs Francis Lane Fox.

The High Sheriff of Humberside, Viscount and Viscountess Bridgeman, Baroness Herries, Lord and Lady Middleton, Lord and Lady Westbury, Lady Grimthorpe, Lady Manton (Howden Conservative Association), Lady Alexandra Beasley, Colonel the Hon Nicholas Crossley, Sir Richard Sykes, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William and Lady Brooksbank, Sir Kenneth and Lady Parkinson, Colonel Anthony and Lady Katharine Phillips (British Red Cross Society).

Colonel R. F. Bilton (East Yorkshire Regimental Association), Mr W. D. Pinkney (Middleton Hunt), Brigadier W. W. Loring (representing the Dean and Chapter of York Minster), Mr L. W. Wilde (National Westminster Bank), Mrs M. Berwick (Save the Children Fund), the Rev G. Garrett, Canon and Mrs Graham Christie, Brigadier and Mrs Roderick Heathcoat Amory, Colonel and Mrs Peter Harvie, Mrs Pamela Baring, Dr E. Moll, Mr Rufus Beasley, Colonel and Mrs Adrian Scrope, Major D. Warde-Aldam, Mrs J. Hutchinson, Mr and Mrs L. Boyes, Mrs D. A. Baker and Mrs J. G. Hardwick.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. A. Bond and Miss S. M. Jewell

The engagement is announced between Philip Antony Bond, of 17 Meadow Drive, Hampton-in-Arden, near Solihull, second son of Mrs L. West-Orom and the late Mr A. E. Bond, and Sally May, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. R. Jewell, of Dark Lane, Hollywood, near Birmingham.

Mr J. Davison and Miss H. Robinson

The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. W. Davison, of 157 High Street, Cottenham, Cambridge, and Helene, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Robinson, of The Malt House, Broad Campden, Gloucestershire.

Mr H. Fleming and Miss J. de Haas

The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Dr and Mrs W. J. D. Fleming, of *Wonersh, Guildford*, and Jan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. de Haas, of Harlow, Essex.

Mr P. R. Lennie and Miss V. H. Hayter

The engagement is announced between Paul Richard, son of the late Mr E. J. Lennie and Mrs Delia Lennie, of 11 Piazza Ennio, Rome, Italy, and Vivien Helen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. D. H. Hayter, of Pepperwell, Methven, Perthshire.

Marriages

Mr C. Hruschka and Miss S. Sharp

The marriage took place in Vienna on Friday, January 30, between Mr Christian Hruschka, elder son of Professor Erich Hruschka, of Hartäcker Str 20, Vienna, and Mrs Erich Rauch, of Tulbing Kogl 35, near Vienna, and Miss Susan Sharp, second daughter of General Sir John and Lady *Sharp, of Nether Hall, Scraptoft*, Leicestershire, and Headquarters Allied Forces Northern Europe, BFPO 50.

Mr J. W. Roberts and Miss M. L. Reid

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Michael's, Compton Chamberlayne, of Mr Jeremy William Roberts and Miss Marilyn Lucy Reid. The Rev Harry Orchard officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Kate Covell. Mr John Ledger was best man.

A reception was held at Compton House, the home of the bride's godmother. The honeymoon will be spent in Barbados.

Mr E. B. Ward and Mrs C. F. Jenkinson

The marriage took place on Tuesday, February 3, at Harrow of Mr Edward Bruce Ward and Mrs Catherine Jenkinson.

Geological Society awards

The Geological Society of London has made the following awards for 1976:

Wollaston Medal: Sir Kingsley Dunham, FRS, chairman of the International Geological Correlation Programme. Murchison Medal: Professor R. A. Howie, King's College, London University, for his research on pyroxenes and other minerals and his contribution to teaching. Lyell Medal: Sir W. B. Harland, Cambridge University, for his geological work in Spitsbergen, his contributions to stratigraphy and the geology of tillites and his work on orogenesis. Prestwich Medal: Professor W. W. Bishop, Queen Mary College, London University, for his extensive studies of mammalian palaeontology and the stratigraphy and geomorphology of Miocene-Pleistocene deposits in East Africa. The Wollaston Fund, Murchison Fund and equal moieties of the Lyell Fund to Professor W. G. Chaloner, Dr A. L. Harris, Dr J. D. Hudson and Dr A. G. Smith.

University cadetships

Army University Cadetships, commencing this term, have been awarded to:

C. H. Darell, Monkton Combe S, Oxford U; J. P. Downward, Sherborne S, Leeds U; N. R. Gregory, King's S, Worcester, South Bank Poly, London; D. J. Newman (Westminster S, Oxford U; P. M. Price, K George V.S. Southport, Kent U; W. A. J. Randle, Sherborne S, Lancaster U; K. D. G. Rooney, Eltham C, Durham U; L. R. Sinclair, Liverpool C, Oxford U; B. W. B. White-Spunner, Eton C, St Andrews U.

Learning to live between doubt and belief

By Professor R. P. C. Hanson
University of Manchester

In *The Forgotten Dream* (Mowbrays, £4.50) Peter Baelz has written a book for half-believers, full of erudite and elegantly expressed doubt. In fact, if anybody wishes to know the pros and *cons of Christianity here is nearly* five pounds' worth of well-balanced hesitation. It is not only a "Difficulties for Christian Belief", it is also a "Difficulties for Difficulties for Christian Belief". We may well say of it with Bishop Blougram:

> What have we gained then by our unbelief
> But a life of doubt diversified by faith,
> For one of faith diversified by doubt?
> We call the chessboard white—we call it black.

Not only does Professor Baelz find it impossible to decide between the black and the white squares, but he insists that we must look at both sorts all the time. Even when we believe, we must still doubt, though he does not say that even when we doubt we must still believe: "Once the intellectual difficulties inherent in his belief have been drawn to his attention . . . the believer must accept the inevitability of doubt within himself." And the last sentence of his book runs: "If he may so dare, then he will rejoice in his heart, praising and glorifying him in whom he believes and does not believe."

What appears to lie behind this unusual and able exposition of belief and doubt is the conviction that the intellect cannot be committed to religious belief. Professor Baelz admits a little reluctantly that faith is commitment, but he appears to confine this commitment to the will; it expresses itself in love, in action reflecting Christian compassion, in self-sacrificing service, and so on. But the intellect remains perpetually uncertain, stubbornly waiting for a conviction which does not come, which, we may fairly conclude, Professor Baelz believes cannot come, almost should not come. That anybody should feel morally bound to believe because his mind is convinced of the truth of Christianity seems to him impossible. He seems never to have experienced an obligation to believe, as experienced by Augustine or by C. S. Lewis, two widely different but highly intellectual people.

Those who have been the best exponents of Christian behaviour have usually been those who were most deeply convinced of the truth of Christianity. Commitment to Christianity began with their belief that they had found truth. This last is just what Professor Baelz apparently believes that nobody *can find. But if someone thinks* that he has found truth he does not necessarily behave in an arrogant, dogmatic or overbearing manner; indeed, today we rightly think that such behaviour in professed believers points to a hidden, unacknowledged insecurity. The believer can and must keep an open mind, acknowledging himself as capable of being convinced by contrary evidence. But he cannot both believe that he has found truth and at the same time doubt. To take such a position is in fact to declare that man is incapable of knowing truth.

It would perhaps be worth examining why Professor *Baelz thinks* that the arguments in favour of belief, of which he gives a strictly fair exposition, are worth considering. Is it because they are, considered in the light of pure, cold intellect, compelling, or at least moving, or is it because for some reason or other he wants to believe in them? *And if the latter is* the case, why does he want to and what is the source of his desire? I am not arguing for pure wish-fulfilment as a principle in religious belief, but only suggesting that in considering this subject the intellect and the will cannot be as sharply divided as the *author seems to suggest.*

When he comes to set out delicately and modestly, the hypothetical case for Christian belief, the doctrine is so much attenuated that the reader may be pardoned if he concludes that whether the doctrine be true or not, it is not worth believing: no resurrection; no incarnation; no divinity of Christ. Such a doctrine, to use a forcible phrase of Professor A. A. Luce, would not convert a hen.

Professor Baelz may reasonably reply that he does not wish to convert hens, far less human beings. But Christianity is a *religion offering* salvation in the most profound and far-reaching terms. If its self-confidence is as much reduced as this carefully poised and finely nuanced academic essay suggests, it might as well put up the shutters and leave conversions to other religions which have not lost their nerve.

Some of the ingredients which have contributed to this refined form of half-belief, offered at the moment by some schools of thought at Oxford and Cambridge, can be discerned. It is a recurrence of English Modernism, the Modernism of Inge, of Oman, of Major, modified by events since 1930, by British empirical philosophy, by Form-Criticism's analysis of the New Testament, and above all by the general spiritual disillusionment resulting from the Second World War and deepened by the economic and spiritual decline of Great Britain. But it is still English Modernism, produced by the *university and* not designed for the market-place. We may admire its modesty of demeanour and its search for intellectual integrity. But we cannot regard it as a firm or enduring intellectual position, and as pabulum for contemporary Christians it is thinner than Mr Woodhouse's gruel.

Christian Believing, *a report by the Doctrine Commission of the Church of England, is to be published on February 12 (SPCK, £2.50) and will be discussed next Saturday by a member of the commission.*

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr James Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at Marlborough House at a luncheon in honour of Mr Brian Talboys, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Overseas Trade and National Development of New Zealand. Among those present were:

Mr F. H. Corner, Mr J. L. K. Futter, Mr I. L. G. Stewart, Mr D. B. G. McLean, Mr E. A. Woodfield; the Speaker, Lord Lloyd, Mr Fred Peart, MP, Sir Alan Marre, Sir Kenneth Berrill, Mr G. R. Denman, Mr P. J. E. Mole, Mr Robert Morley, Mr Kenneth Baker, MP, Mr *Eric Deakins*, MP, Mrs Ann Taylor, MP, Miss A. M. Prime, Mr C. Blyth, Mr J. B. Woodeson, Mr J. B. Reardon, Mr M. E. R. Wagge, Mr S. D. Lion, Mr P. G. H. Newton, Mr M. Molloy, Mr N. Horsley, Mr P. G. de Courcy-Ireland, Mr B. Bremner, and Mr R. N. Dales.

Lady Mayoress

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, entertained the following guests at luncheon at the Mansion House yesterday:

Major Sir Rennie and Lady Maudslay, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons and Lady Smith, Alderman Sir Peter and Lady Studd, Sir Louis and Lady Petch, the Deputy Master of Trinity House and Lady Tibbits; the Agent-General for Tasmania and Mrs Royce R. Neville, the Vice-Chancellor of the City University and Mrs E. W. Parkes and Brigadier and Mrs Robert Popham.

Dinners

Foreign Affairs Club

Herr Helmut Schmidt, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, was the guest of honour at the tenth anniversary dinner of *the Foreign Affairs Club, held last* night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Robin Day presided. Other guests included:

Mr James Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, the Danish Ambassador, the High Commissioner for Mauritius and Lady Teelock, the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands Ambassador, the Luxembourg Ambassador, the French Ambassador, the Belgian Ambassador, the High Commissioner for India, the High Commissioner for Canada, the Finnish Ambassador, the Italian Ambassador, the British Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany; the Earl and Countess of Selkirk, Lord and Lady Cobbold, Lord Chalfont, Lord Gordon Walker, Lord Greenhill of Harrow.

The Hon David and Mrs Lytton-Cobbold, the Hon Mrs Gwenyth Dunwoody, MP, Sir Michael Wright, Sir Frank Roberts, Sir Berkeley and Lady Gage, Sir Michael Palliser, Sir Robert Thompson, Sir Frank McFadzean, Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, Sir Peter Tennant, Air Vice-Marshal J. Gingell, Major-General J. Starter, Herr K. Bölling, Mr Arthur Hockaday, Mr and Mrs Reginald Cudlipp, Mr Ian Trethowan, Professor and Mrs H. C. Allen, Professor Anthony King, Herr Hans-Heinrich Noebel, Herr Hans Freiherr von Stein, Herr H. W. Loeck, Dr Kurt Stöckl, Mr Peter Preston, Mr Charles Wintour, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Smith, Mr John Mackintosh, MP, Mr Peter Blaker, MP, Miss Margaret Jackson, MP, Mr Peter Jay and Mr Hugh Stephenson.

Baroness Lee of Asheridge

Baroness Lee of Asheridge entertained members and guests of the International Cultural Exchange at dinner at the House of Lords last night. There were present:

The High Commissioner for The Gambia and Mrs Semega-Janneh, the High Commissioner for Grenada and Mrs Gibbs, the Ambassador of the Yemen Arab Republic and the chairman, Dr R. U. Hingorani.

Old Lyonian Association

The annual dinner of the Old Lyonian Association was held yesterday evening at the RAF Club under the chairmanship of Mr G. Woodbridge. The principal guests were the Headmaster of John Lyon School, Judge Verney and the Mayor of Harrow.

Service dinner

Honourable Artillery Company

The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs and Mr James Page, Commissioner of Police for the City of London, were guests of the Honourable Artillery Company Mess Club at dinner at Armoury House last night. The president of the club, Major B. L. Barber, presided, and the other speakers were Lieutenant-Colonel and Deputy M. H. Oram, the Lord Mayor, Brigadier E. Foster Hall and Mr Page.

University news

Aberdeen

Appointments

Senior lecturers: W. W. McBryde, LLB (Edin), from May 27 (mercantile law); S. J. Rees, BA (S'ton), from Oct 1 (social work).

Research fellows: Dr M. A. Kenward, from Feb 1 (bacteriology); Dr Soo-on Woo, BSc (National Taiwan), from Jan 1 (chemistry); Prof Brian Johanson, from Jan 16 (divinity); Dr Keith Rix, session 1975-76 (physiology); Prof R. V. Pierard, session 1977-78 (religious studies); Dr I. M. Priede, from Dec, 1975 (zoology).

Grant

£11,661 from the Scottish Home and Health Department to Professor J. R. Mallard (medical physics) to study and develop the ultrasonic body scanner.

Wales

SWANSEA

Grants:

Science Research Council: £24,945 for solution and complexing studies, by Professor J. H. Purnell (chemistry); £15,059 for a theoretical study of electrical breakdown in gases in non-uniform fields, by Dr A. J. Davies (physics).

Natural Environment Research Council: £10,761 for a Late Palaeozoic/Early Mesozoic facies analysis in north-west Africa, by Professor D. V. Ager (geology and oceanography).

Two Flemish landscapes far exceed estimates

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Two Flemish landscapes of the early seventeenth century which had been sent for sale at Christie's from abroad surprised the auctioneers when they fetched £7,150 and £9,900 yesterday.

The first was an ice scene with figures skating on a castle moat *and had been catalogued* simply as "Grimmer", indicating that the auctioneers felt the painting stylistically related to Abel Grimmer without seriously suggesting that it was his work. It is a small painting on panel and Christie's estimated £500 to £800 on it. It was purchased by the Brod Gallery.

The second was a harvest festival scene, also on panel and attributed (with initials only) to Martin van Cleve. Christie's had been estimating £1,200 to £1,800. The purchaser chose to remain anonymous.

The sale of Old Master paintings made £162,520, with 15 per cent (a little more than usual) unsold. More than half the paintings had been consigned from abroad and half were bought directly by foreign clients.

At Sotheby's a sale of English furniture made £20,399, with 6 per cent unsold. The top price was £935 (estimate £800-£1,200) *for a set of six George* II mahogany dining chairs. A George III mahogany serpentine-fronted sideboard made £750 (estimate £250 to £400), and a substantially restored *Queen Anne* walnut bureau made £770 (estimate £600 to £800) to an Italian dealer.

At Parke Bernet in New York on Thursday a sale of modern prints made £44,915, midway between the auctioneers' high and low estimates. Prices for Chagall prints were rather uneven, but the top price in the sale, $4,500 (estimate $3,500 to $4,000), or £2,210, was recorded for his 1964 colour lithograph, "Circus Girl Rider".

A Braque etching of 1909, published in 1954, "Petite Guitare Cubiste", made $4,200 (estimate $3,500 to $4,500), or £2,065, and his 1948 colour lithograph "Helios VI" made $4,000 (estimate $4,000 to $5,000), or £1,965. The sale demonstrated a sudden enthusiasm for Paul Delvaux, whose lithographs ran to prices twice the estimates.

At Henry Spencer and Son of Retford yesterday a sale of paintings made £14,084, with some 10 per cent unsold. The top price was *£4,000, exactly in line* with expectations, for a Dutch harbour scene by Hermanus Koekkoek. A large work (32½in by 51in), it might have been a lot more expensive two years ago.

Omell paid £1,300 (estimate £750) for an Italian interior scene catalogued as being by S. Mazzota, and a tiny painting (7¼in by 9½in) of hens by Edgar Hunt, the hen specialist, painted in 1926, reached £1,000 (estimate £450).

Today's engagements

Exhibition: Landscapes from the royal collection, The Queen's Gallery, *Buckingham* Palace, 11-5.
Second World War aircraft exhibition, Skyfame Aircraft Museum, Staverton airport, Cheltenham, 11-5.
Lecture: Seurat and Van Gogh, by Audrey Tyndall, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, 12.
London walk: Tudor London, *meet Charing Cross Under*ground station, 2.

Tomorrow

Exhibition of prints, collages and drawings by Max Ernst, ICA Gallery, Nash House, The Mall, 2-6.
Exhibition of Ship Models, National Maritime *Museum*, Greenwich, 2.30-6.
RAF Museum, Aerodrome Road, Hendon, 2.30-6.
City walk: London Wall, meet St Paul's Underground station, 3.

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, February 7, 1951

Nevada tests

From Our Own Correspondent

New York, Feb 6.—Another atomic explosion in Nevada this morning —the fifth in 11 days—was said in Las Vegas to be "the worst yet". In Los Angeles a journalist who *saw the Bikini tests said it was* bigger than the explosions there. Like many other people in Los Angeles, he saw the Nevada explosion by television.

Twenty-four minutes after the explosion sound waves from it rattled windows in Los Angeles, 300 miles away.

The Atomic Energy *Commission* announced today that it was "completely satisfied" with the results of the explosions in Nevada and was concluding its experiments for the time being.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Dr A. J. Newall to be principal lecturer in surveying and construction, Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic, with effect from last January 1.

Mr P. M. Diamond, aged 33, deputy director of Sheffield city art galleries, to be chief arts and museums officer for Bradford.

Prospective candidate

Mr Geoffrey Robinson, aged 36, former managing director of Jaguar Motors at Coventry, to be prospective Labour candidate in the by-election at Coventry, North-west, caused by the death of Mr Maurice Edelman (Lab). At the last general election Mr Edelman had a majority of 7,488 in a four-cornered fight.

Services tomorrow: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, *10.30*, Rev R. Trydeman, TD and Jub (Britten in C); HC, 11.30 (Rubbra in A), Int, O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis); E, 3.15, Canon Sam Woodhouse, Mag and ND (Bernard Naylor, short), A, Jehova, quam multi sunt (Purcell).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30 (Second Service, Tomkins), Surge illuminare (Palestrina), Rev M. S. Till; Sung Eucharist 11.40, O salutaris Hostia (Elgar), Stanford in C and F, Canon D. L. Edwards; E, 3 (Leighton in G), Exultate Deo (Wesley); E, 6.30, Rev Dr M. Israel.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 11, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus (Hutchings in G), A, Cantate Domino (Monteverdi), Canon Clifford Lacey; 4, Choral Evening Prayer (Murrill in E), A, O praise the Lord with one consent (Handel), the Provost.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: HC, 8.30; M, 11.15, A, When to the temple Mary went (Eccard), Canon G. H. G. Hewitt.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (*public welcomed*): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Stanford in B flat), Canon Edwyn Young, A, A spotless Rose (Howells).

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, 12.15; MP, 11, Right Rev J. Trillo.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL (public welcomed): 11.15, Canon S. H. Evans, A, Hodie, Beata Virgo Maria.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited, entry via Lincoln's Inn Fields gateway): M, 11.30, Canon R. Tydeman, All wisdom cometh from the Lord (Joubert).

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15; M, 11, Jub (Farrant), A, Salve regina (Philips), the Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Everett Titcomb in E flat), Jub (Darke in G), A, How lovely is thy dwelling place (Brahms), Archbishop of Canterbury.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service, 11, A, Like as the hart (Howells), Rev E. W. Evans.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, 12.15; MP, 11 (Stanford in B flat), Ascribe unto the Lord (Travers), Resident Chaplain; E, 3.30 (Murrill in E), O praise the Lord (Batten), Rev H. R. Watson.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11, Sung Eucharist, Rev P. Duncan.

ALL SAINTS', Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.30, HM, 11, Rev D. Painter, Missa brevis (K. Leighton); E and B 6, Rev J. A. G. Oliver (Wood in E flat, No 3).

CHELSEA PARISH CHURCH, Sydney Street: HC, 8.15, 9.15, 12.10; Parish Communion, 10; MP, 11, Rev C. M. Dent; E, 6.30, Prebendary H. Loasby.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev D. R. Thurburn-Huelin (Cabena in the Dorian Mode), When to the Temple (Eccard).

HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, *9.15, Canon R.* Trydeman.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8 and 12.15; Family Communion, 9, Rev R. H. Turvey and M, 11, Rev R. H. Turvey; E, 6, Professor A. Cameron.

HOLY TRINITY, Kingsway: HC, 10; Parade Service 11, Rev J. Arrowsmith.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 6.30 pm; SM, 9.30; HM, 11 (Hutchings in G), I sing of a maiden (Hadley), the Vicar; E and B, 6.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9, M, 11 (Farrant, short), A, When to the temple (Eccard) and E, 6.30 (Blow in G), A, Senex puerum (Byrd), the Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; M & HC, 11 Rev Dewi Morgan, Jub (Gordon Jacob), Jesu, the very thought is sweet (Victoria); E, 6.30, Sermon in music, Mag and ND (Dixon).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Collegium Regale (Howells), Rev W. M. Atkins; Mot, O let me at thy foots toil fall (Peerson).

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street: HC, 8, 12; MP, 11, Rev A. W. D. Bayley; E, 6.30, Rev G. C. Taylor.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15; Eucharist, 9.15, and MP, 11, Rev W. P. Baddeley; E, 6, Rev J. L. W. Robinson.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC 12.15 and 6.45; M 11, TD (Stanford in C), A, Lift thine eyes (Mendelssohn); E, 6, Mag and ND (Weelkes, short), A, Senex puerum (Victoria), Rev W. Booth.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion, 9.45, the Vicar; M, 11.15, Rev R. Swan; E, 4.15; E, 6.30, Mr N. Ingram-Smith.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8, 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Rev R. L. O. Rees; MP, 11.15, Rev A. F. Davis, Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd); E, 6.30, Rev J. P. Hill, Ascribe unto the Lord (Wesley).

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8, 11, Dss M. Wright, Ongelsolomesse (Mozart), Mot, Locus iste (Bruckner); E, 6.30.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15, 12.15, M, 11, Rev E. G. H. Saunders; 6, Mr R. Atkin.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8, 9; SE, 11, Rev D. B. Harris.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: 11 and 6.30, Bishop Goodwin Hudson.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Alcock in B flat), Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Rev M. J. C. Melrose.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8; M, 11; E, 6.30, Rev O. R. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 7, 3; HM, 11 (Roderick Davies in D minor), Rev K. Hobbs; E and B, 6, Rev H. Moore.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Canon ffrench-Beytagh.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11, Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey, 6.30, Youth Fellowship Service.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15 and 6.30, Rev J. Miller Scott.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: LM, 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 and 7 pm; HM, 10.30; V and B, 3.30.

THE ORATORY, SW: SM, 11, Super Dorium (Handl); V and B, 3.30, Mot, Osacrum convivium (D'Evry).

ASSUMPTION, Warwick St: SM, 11 (Latin) Missa ad Fugam (Palestrina).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Mass in E (Lalouz), Ave Regina caelorum (Grandi).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood: SM, (Latin), 10.45, Missa pange lingua (Josquin), Verba mea (Schütz).

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: LM, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 4.15, 6.30 and 7.30; 12, Mass, Father John Tracy.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Dr Daniel Jenkins.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 *and 6.30, Dr M. Barnett; 8 pm, Social* Hour.

KINGSWAY HALL (West London Mission): 11 and 6.30, Rev Lord Soper.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11, Rev Barbara Meechin; 6.30, Rev B. Stuart.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11, and 6.30, Mr D. J. Jackman.

FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP (QUAKERS), 52 St Martin's Lane, WC2: 11.

OBITUARY

MR VICTOR STIEBEL

Creator of elegant clothes

Mr Victor Stiebel, one of the best known and most highly regarded of British couturiers, died yesterday at the age of 68.

Son of Frank Stiebel, he was born in South Africa on March 14, 1907, and there received his early education, later going to Jesus College, Cambridge, where he studied architecture.

He was never destined, however, to become an architect. When he came down from Cambridge, it was with the determination to build a career for himself in the fashion world, which in the late 1920s had, as then, only very shallow roots in this country. He was fortunate enough to obtain a position at the house of Reville-Terry, one of the last important links between the Court Dressmaking establishments of the Edwardian era and the couture houses as we know them today.

This was still the age of the hand-made garment, of the workroom that contained upwards of 250 seamstresses and the conception of elegance whereby the client could have every item of her wardrobe individually designed for her, from peignoirs to millinery. The customers at Reville-Terry did not shop; they merely put the entire making of their wardrobe in the hands of the experts.

By 1932, Victor Stiebel had absorbed so much of this feeling that he opened his own couture house in Bruton Street and, with the assistance of his sister, Miss Noelle Stiebel, who took a large share of the responsibility on the administrative side, he soon became a leading name in London fashion.

Victor Stiebel was always a romantic, and this was reflected from the earliest days in his collections, when his bias was invariably towards evening gowns based on the classical conception. He excelled in the designing of the slender, sophisticated clothes of the 1930s in which subtle drapery allied to soft colour combinations, attracted a wide circle of clients, some of whom appeared in the lists of the world's best dressed women.

In 1940 he enlisted in the Army and by 1941 had attained the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Camouflage Division. In 1946, when he returned to the world of fashion, it was in conjunction with the house of Jacqmar and it was from the large establishment in Grosvenor Street that he continued his designs for a further [illegible] years, still stressing the romantic mood, still excelling in wonderful colours and still producing the understated day clothes and the assured evening gowns that brought him many distinguished clients and the royal patronage of Princess Margaret, Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, the late Princess Marina Duchess of Kent and Princess Alexandra. He designed wardrobes for royal tours and many outfits for special royal occasions, including the primrose yellow going away outfit for the wedding of Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, that had a very large *influence on* current fashion of that year.

From the conception of the Incorporated Society of London Fashion Designers in 1945, of which Edward Molyneux was the original chairman, Victor Stiebel always worked steadily towards the object of attaining world recognition for British fashion design and he himself was for a time chairman of the society.

In the latter years with Jacqmar, Stiebel became victim to a spinal disease, which restricted his activities considerably, but this did not deter him from reopening his own house in Cavendish Square in 1958.

He retired in June, 19[illegible] on the advice of his doctors. In 1968 he published a volume of autobiography, *South African Childhood.*

DR KATHLEEN DIETRICH

A correspondent writes:

Dr Violet Kathleen Dietrich (née Breakey), MD, FRCPI, died on February 4 in Guy's Hospital after a prolonged illness. She was 55.

She was a well-known paediatric cardiologist during the pioneer period of research and clinical development of this speciality, which led to the first successful heart surgery in "blue babies" and other birth *defects of the heart.*

Dr Breakey, as she was then, was the first British doctor to serve on the team made famous by Drs Blalock and Helen Taussig at the Johns Hopkins Medical School at Baltimore. She helped to establish a clinic for this work at Paris, then headed the Department of Cardiology at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children from 1948-58. In 1957 she was consultant for Scandinavian countries to the World Health Organization of the United Nations.

She qualified in medicine at *Trinity College, Dublin, her* native city, as gold medallist in four of five subjects in her year and received her MD in 1944 and she was one of the first women elected to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland which she also served as sometime censor and examiner.

In 1958 she was married to Dr Herbert Dietrich, ENT professor of Philadelphia, U[illegible] She had retired from medicine while her children were young and had planned to return to it when struck by illness. With the outlook poor from the start her devoted husband and children took indefinite leave of their stateside activities and came with her to live in Oxfordshire. In the early intervals of her illness they were able to travel extensively in Europe.

She was essentially an Irishwoman. Some of her forebears settled in Ireland from Anglesey about 1400 and married with French Huguenots at the end of the seventeenth century, descended from the first Viscount Boyne. The whole of Ireland never lost its enchantment for her, and while living in Pennsylvania it was to Ireland she returned most summers to enjoy its surpassing beauty and its people. In *professional days she was* frequently called to all parts of Ireland as a second opinion; her clinical judgment and common sense were much admired by her colleagues. In those days she would drive at speed through the double customs—the border guards waved her through in either direction.

MISS D. NEVILLE ROLFE

P. M. B. R. writes:

So many friends will be distressed to hear of the death of Dorothy Neville Rolfe and to think that that valiant spirit has been quenched.

Her enthusiasm for young minds led her as a comparatively young woman to found the House of Citizenship, a college for girls of 18-25 from all corners of the world, where they could study social and international affairs and discuss every subject under the sun. The idea that this sort of education fits young people to take their place in life and to render good service is now almost a commonplace. In 1936, when *the House of Citizenship began,* it was a startlingly fresh concept.

The House of Citizenship endured many vicissitudes. It had to move four times. It had no assets beyond Dorothy's determination and powers of persuasion. Finally it settled at Hartwell House, near Aylesbury, where a serious fire in 1963 almost extinguished its future. Dorothy responded by opening the term six weeks later on the appointed date in prefabricated accommodation and to her delight the building, restored, was officially opened by the Queen Mother 18 months later.

Her indomitable spirit and dedication were only one side of her: that brilliant intelligence and insatiable curiosity, a capacity to teach in a way that made facts unforgettable, her insistence on always presenting both sides of a question, on acquiring an independent point of view: "How do you ask what I think of the question? It's what you think that matters."

Greater and more memorable than anything else though was her instinctive sympathy with young people. No one would describe her as motherly; she was abrasive, critical, apparently only satisfied by the highest standards. Yet those in trouble knew that she was wholeheartedly on their side, totally unshockable, *willing* to see in the depths of any young soul the elements that were good and to support them to the limits of her own endurance which were inexhaustible.

COL E. ST J. BIRNIE

Colonel Eugene St John Birnie, OBE, late The Guides Cavalry (QVOFF), died on January 31 at the age of 75. He was one of the distinguished group of climbers, including Frank Smythe, Eric Shipton and Raymond Greene, who in 1931 had taken part in the ascent of Kamet (25,447ft) in western Garwhal. The expedition was led by Smythe and was the first peak of over 25,000ft ever climbed. Birnie was also a member of Hugh Ruttledge's expedition in the 1933 assault of Mount Everest. From 1949 to 1965 he was secretary of the Church of England Children's Society.

The son of C. M. Birnie, he was educated at Charterhouse and was commissioned into the 25th Cavalry (12th FF), later Sam Browne's Cavalry, in 1919. He transferred to the Guides Cavalry in 19[illegible]. He saw service in India, the Middle East and Italy in the Second World War and was Military Secretary to the Governor-General of Pakistan in 1947-48.

He married in 1933 Lady Marguerite Kathleen Courtenay, third daughter of the Rev [illegible] 16th Earl of Devon. They had two daughters.

MR FRANK WATSON

Mr Frank Watson, the Lancashire cricketer, has died in hospital at Warrington at the age of 76.

R. S. writes:

Frank Watson, an opening batsman of the dour and utilitarian school, *was a m*ember of the Lancashire team which won the County Cricket Championship five times between 1926 and 1934. He and Charles Hallows to form Lancashire's first wicket pair and Harry Makepeace coming *down the order* and his predecessor's influence [illegible] remained in Watson's cautious approach.

Watson's first class career stretched from 1920-19[illegible], his best season was 1928, the year Lancashire won the title under *Major Leonard* Green for the third successive summer. That season he scored nine 100s, including 300 not out, against Surrey at Old Trafford, and he, Hallows and Ernest Tyldesley all scored 2,000 runs. Watson finished with a career aggregate of 23,596, average 36.98, with 50 100s. He toured West Indies with the 1925-26 MCC side which did not play official test matches. His only representative honour at home was an appearance in the Gentlemen v Players match at Lord's in 1933.

Science report

Noise: How it is measured

Much of the debate over the Concorde's access to airports in the United States has centred on measurements of its noise level, particularly the noise generated on take-off, which is generally greater than that on landing.

Ideally the noise is recorded on tape *for later analysis, but* even on the spot some fairly reliable measurements can be made with meters. Since the human ear is not equally sensitive to all frequencies the meter will contain a device aimed to mimic the ear's response. No two ears are alike, but generally accepted "weighting" of different frequencies are in common use worldwide. The output from the meter is then a noise intensity.

The smallest sound the ear can detect and the noise at which there is physical damage to the ear differ in intensity by a factor of about a hundred million million. That leads to a rather cumbersome scale so it is common to take as a measure of noise the logarithm of the ratio between the observed intensity and the smallest intensity detectable to the ear.

This measure is then multiplied by 10 to give the noise level in so-called perceived-noise decibels or PNdB. The reason for these apparently arbitrary operations is simply to make a scale that avoids too many decimal points or too many trailing zeros. A doubling of intensity then means a step up the decibel scale by 10 log 2, which is approximately 3; for in*stance*, 93 decibels is twice as intense as 90 decibels.

Jets just after take-off generate between 100 and 115 PNdB, dependent on the engine type, and requirements at Heathrow, for instance, are that the noise should be less than 110 PNdB at specified measuring points.

A refinement to the PNdB scale is the effective perceived noise in decibels (EPNdB). This scale takes account of the duration of the noise as well as its level, and the Concorde, which takes off more quickly than the average jet, gains a small advantage from this scale.

Airport noise regulations do not vary widely throughout the world, and the sort of restrictions in force at Kennedy airport, New York, are broadly comparable to those at Heathrow.

Most of the roar from a jet comes from the shearing of the hot gases ejected from the engine at high speed against the relatively still surrounding air. There are other sources of noise, particularly at the air inlet, where a characteristic whistle can be generated.

The exhaust of a jet is the source of its propulsion, unlike the exhaust of a car. Thus no noise suppressor that slows the jet stream substantially can be considered. Over the years, suppressors have been designed to break up the jet stream or to surround it with a cushion of slower moving air; most recently much larger diameter fans have been used with jets to allow a slower exhaust velocity. Unfortunately most of these noise-suppression refinements have come since the basic design of the Concorde was laid down.

To redesign the Concorde at a late stage around a completely different engine design would have been an immense task. Thus the Concorde's noise on take-off, several decibels on average above Heathrow's subsonic jet limits, is unlikely to be reduced much by technological refinements.

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Bridge

Snags that are not always spotted

The strong Two Clubs is one of the most popular conventions, but in practice it is much abused. Not every hand with five defensive and eight playing tricks qualifies for an opening game demand although, if a trump suit can be agreed early in the auction, a game is assured. Otherwise, a minimum in the responder's hand may drive the partnership into No Trumps when the contract will hang on a finesse, and this risk is constantly taken at rubber bridge by an opener whose long suit is Clubs.

No score; dealer South.

North: ♠ 6 2 ♥ 8 5 3 2 ♦ K Q 8 6 4 ♣ J 3
West: ♠ J 7 5 3 ♥ 10 ♦ A J 9 7 6 ♣ 8 7 4
East: ♠ Q 9 4 ♥ K Q 9 7 ♦ 10 3 2 ♣ Q 6 2
South: ♠ A K 10 8 ♥ A J 6 4 ♦ — ♣ A K 10 9 5

South	West	North	East
2 Clubs	No	2 Diamonds	No
3 Clubs	No	3 Diamonds	No
3 Spades	No	3 No trumps	No
4 Hearts	No	No	No

After North had bid diamonds over Three Clubs South should have been satisfied to leave his partner in No Trumps, although North's denials of support for clubs and spades suggested that he might hold four hearts.

The play required a modicum of caution after West, anticipating that South might be void in diamonds, led the ♦A and shortened the declarer's trumps. South could afford to surrender three tricks in hearts, so long as he did not lose control of the other suits. With reckless abandon he cashed his two ace kings, entered dummy with a club ruff, discarded spades on the ♦KQ and reentered his hand with the ♥A. He now had to lose four tricks when the distribution was far more favourable than he was entitled to expect.

The strength of the Two Clubs system is derived from its elasticity, and it therefore demands logical thought and not the mechanical responses forming part of other systems which are more popular with tournament players. With so many different ways of conveying his values and keeping the opponents guessing, the responder can so direct the auction that by first underbidding and subsequently recovering the ground which he lost he decides whether to look for a slam or a penalty. There were several options open to him in the next deal. Game all; dealer South.

North: ♠ 6 5 2 ♥ A K Q ♦ A 10 3 ♣ A K 9 2
West: ♠ J 10 9 3 ♥ 10 6 5 2 ♦ 9 ♣ Q J 6 3
East: ♠ A K Q 8 7 4 ♥ J 7 ♦ 5 2 ♣ 10 8 4
South: ♠ — ♥ 9 8 4 3 ♦ K Q J 8 7 6 4 ♣ 7 5

South	West	North	East
No	No	2 Clubs	2 Spades
3 Diamonds	3 Spades	4 Diamonds	No
5 Diamonds	No	No	No

South could have recovered from his underbid of Three Diamonds over Two Spades by subsequently bidding the opponents' suit. But does he wish to defend in Six Spades doubled without being sure that he can secure a penalty of 800? South cannot be certain that his partner is strong enough for a grand slam. Equally, it might be argued that North's raise to Four Diamonds over West's Three Spades was not constructive, since he could assume from the spades in his own hand that South had a long suit of diamonds and, at most, a singleton spade.

The real problem facing North South is to learn, without betraying their distributions, whether they can safely bid up to Seven Diamonds and at the same time to give an impression to the defenders that they are under stress. If South had bid, as I should have done, Four Diamonds over Two Spades, West would be likely to pass and come in later with a defensive bid of Five Spades over North's raise to Five Diamonds. But South's only chance of playing in Six or Seven Diamonds would be his pass of Five Diamonds and his subsequent fake-out when his partner doubled Spades.

Edward Mayer

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Tsigankov followed them into the penalty box (ice hockey people, after all, do not use sin bin), whereupon Lamby was banished from the ice again, this time for four minutes, for slashing and tripping all in one motion. An American at my side, a totally objective observer, always ready to acknowledge Russian expertise, was incensed this time. "How can you hook", he declared in an authoritative voice that brooked no contradiction by an Englishman, "when you're backing off the guy and hit him in the chest". I took it to be a rhetorical question, and answered "quite", a word I find suits almost any purpose when you are among aficionados.

The two captains, presented with bouquets by a couple who might have stepped straight out of a Hapsburg ball of long ago, had exchanged pennants in the friendliest way. Then the Russians, waiting for the starting whistle, cruised lazily around the ice, while the Americans gathered round their goalkeeper in a "cheer huddle". I was assured they would emerge with the ringing call of "Let's get 'em, gang", if so, it was a brave gesture, but not much else.

They tried, certainly, and to some extent succeeded, because anything less than a five goal margin seemed to be regarded as the height of their ambitions. But the Russians clearly held something in reserve.

In 8min 33sec precisely (they are meticulous timekeepers in ice hockey), Maltsev scored for the Soviet Union. There followed three American penalties in quick succession, which reduced their number from six to four at one point, but their opponents, curiously, were unable to score again until the United States had recovered their full complement. Then, Kaustin tapped the puck coolly in from close range and Babinov smacked it in from long distance.

The match, as a match, died then and there, after only 13min 28sec. Forty-six minutes 32 seconds still stretched ahead, but we waited in vain for the expected avalanche. The boys held the men, each about a stone heavier on average, bravely in the second period, shuring two goals, and surrendering only two more in the final period. The American spectators had long since fallen silent, even the banner bearers, but their spirits were given a final lift when Jensen scored a good goal with two and a half minutes left. But the Russians, by now, had pushed in most of their stops.



The West German ice hockey team in a huddle during their match against Poland at Innsbruck yesterday.

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...course, a mili...ining the pain of cross-country running against the clock with the precision of marksmanship from 150 metres. Penalties are exacted for inaccurate shooting. On each lap the men have to fire four shots into a target (20 in all) and a minute is added to the time for every inner (as distinct from a bull, of course) and two minutes every time the target is missed altogether, as the pulse races under the strain of punishing athletic effort.

A jittery trigger finger can thus, in theory, add 40 minutes to one's time. The highest today was 15 by, surprisingly, a Swede, which left him supported only by two Taiwanese at the wrong end of the result list.

For much of the morning, blue and beautiful for those who, unlike us, could bask in the sun on the other side of the valley, most spectators were in a state of stunned confusion as the men stole past; in their stiff-legged way. The air was rent with the crack of rifle shot and ocasional cheering from the cognoscenti, and the results board, sophisticated as it was, gave little assistance to those not fully versed in this esoteric pursuit.

After three laps Alexander Tihinov stood first, but his compatriot, Kruglov, trudged out of the trees to take the lead and, with Tihinov suffering six penalty points (and therefore six minutes) on the fourth, Kruglov forged away to win by more than a minute and a half.

The British team belongs to the army, but Brigadier Budge, chairman of the Nordic committee of the National Ski Federation of Great Britain, went to great pains to explain that internationally the sport was almost nine-tenths civilian and one did not need a uniform to find a way into the British team.

Budge has been a staunch defender of the Nordic faith for many years, but life gets progressively harder. He paused to cry, rather self-consciously: "Go on, Fergy", as our last man in the order went past, and then revealed that the £2,000 received from "non-public" funds would no longer be forthcoming, because apparently of a drop in NAAFI profits, among other things.

Stevens was the first Briton home, having of course started first, and was the most articulate spokesman for the team. He bubbles with enthusiasm and, if he seems to have a chip on his shoulder at the disparity of finance and publicity his sport receives by comparison with the alpine skiers. It is not without some reason. Nor was he the least disheartened by today's performance. "The way we skied today", he said, "we must have a tremendous chance in the relay." It would be tempting providence to scoff without waiting for the result of the relay a week hence, but will not that be Friday the thirteenth?

In our innocence (ignorance, if you will) we had taken our places on the wrong side of the start, and it was some time before we discovered that the men in front of us were only exercising and, indeed, that the race had already started. The bewilderment combined with discomfort to produce an atmosphere of black comedy as we later surveyed the scene from near the rifle range. One of our number, suffering in city shoes, was asked by a member of the top brass if he usually attended the biathlon in dancing pumps. A Norwegian made rather a mess of his second round of five shots, which prompted the comment, that "he's more likely to go home with a goldfish in a plastic bag than a gold medal".

It is, indeed, all too easy to make fun—the army ammunition is so inaccurate that it has to be dismantled and reassembled—but our patronizing attitude was dispelled by the sincerity shown by all those involved. It is still a military exercise, and therefore repugnant to my personal taste, but I have to respect those who show such dedication in the cruel conditions of winter training that they have to undergo. For them, Bisley on ice it is not.

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The Swiss, traditionally strong in this event, are in poor shape because of heavy colds, and other factors seem to point away from their two main hopes, Bernadette Zurbriggen, for whom the course may prove too technical, and Marie-Therese Nadig, the holder, who suffered a dislocated shoulder on Thursday and who nearly fell on the course today. Brigitte Totschnig, of Austria, is now a strong favourite.

The women make their bow in the cross-country events at Seefeld, over 5,000 metres tomorrow, and the jumpers, too, have their first taste of competition on the 70-metre jumping hill on both days.

The combined run at Igls will stage the finals tomorrow of the men's and women's single seater toboggan and the two-man bob. Austria have stolen a place in both the toboggan events, but all six medals still lie with the two Germanys. East Germany have now recovered their lead in both events, but their half brothers are sure to deny them the clean sweep they achieved at Sapporo.

Similarly both Germanys are in with a chance of a medal in the bob, particularly those from the East. Two comparative newcomers in the sport, Meinhard Nehmer and Bernhard Germeshausen are only three hundredths of a second behind Fritz Sperling and Andreas Schwab, of Austria, after the first two runs.

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...wever, has made ...d much more spec... Audiences enjoy the jumps, spins, and steps of free skating, but not the unspectacular set figures, and it is hard to explain to millions of inexpert, but interested viewers, how an indifferent free skater such as the Austrian Beatrix Schuba in 1972 won an Olympic title simple because of her mastery of the compulsory figures. Accordingly, in eight years the value of the set figures has been progressively cut from 60 per cent to a nominal 30 per cent. In fact, few skaters in Innsbruck next week will receive more than 25 per cent of their marks from the figures, because judges are stricter in marking them.

A further complication for the prophet is the compulsory short programme, a recent innovation, which can open a trap door under the unwary would-be champion. The most notable victim was the former United States champion, Janet Lynn. At the 1973 world championships she was well placed in figures, and her known ability in the long free skating made her the favourite. But an error in the short programme cost her dear; she was eleventh in that part of the event, and she had lost all chance of winning.

The short programmes give the less able skater a chance to stay up with the leaders. Seven specific items are required from each competitor. In the women's short programmes next Wednesday, for example, all 22 girls have to skate a double toe salchow jump combined with another jump of their own choice. A skater of only modest ability can play for safety, combining two of these relatively simple jumps, perhaps doing them well, and getting good marks. On the other hand, the enterprising 12-year-old Russian, Elena Vodorezova does the fearsomely difficult combination of double toe salchow and triple toe loop. If it succeeds she will reap a rich reward, but if it does not, she could lose many places.

So long as one skater continues to vie with another for medals, or even just for a place one up from the bottom, it is in human nature to try to read into the future. So we are all bending our journalistic minds to the outcome of the pair skating championships tomorrow. It is an easier task than we shall be set later, when the solo event takes place, for no one doubts that Alexander Zaitsev and his wife Irina Rodnina will win more gold medals to add to the one Miss Rodnina won with another partner in Sapporo in 1972. Rolf Osterreich and Romy Kermer, of East Germany, second in the last world championships, look equally good prospects for the silver medal: in last night's short programmes, only the Russian and Canadian judges preferred the Leningrad pair Alexander Vlasov and Irina Vorobieva.

The United States won their first gold medal this morning when Sheila Young took the women's 500-metre speed skating honours with a time of 42.76sec. This was 1.85 seconds slower than the world record she set at Davos on January 31 but it was easily the best time of the day. Miss Young, who three years ago won the sprint title at the world cycling championships, brought a touch of Michigan warmth to a cold, grey morning. It was so misty when the first pair skated that the scoreboard was unreadable from the other end of the track.

"The ice was really bad for my warm-up", she said afterwards, "but conditions were good by the time I skated. The sun was coming out and the ice was getting nice."

She regarded the Canadian Cathy Priestner as her chief threat and so it proved. But the 19-year-old Calgary girl had already skated in 43.12sec, so Miss Young knew what she had to beat. She did so in convincing style. "I just made two mistakes", she said. "On the last 100 metres I was coming back on my heels—and I did not do the last turn too well."

Tatiana Averina, the Soviet Union's former world record holder, just prevented the North Americans from making a clean sweep of the medals; she was third, only .04sec ahead of Leah Poulos, from Northbrook, Illinois. The first five skaters all broke the American Anne Henning's 1972 Olympic record of 43.33sec.

Miss Young, who already has a silver medal from yesterday's 1,500-metre event, said that 500 metres and 1,000 metres were her best distances, depending on the day. Today she was clearly in a 500-metre mood. The US team hope that tomorrow she will wake up feeling "this is a 1,000-metre day". But the 1972 winner, Monika Pflug, of West Germany, now Frau Holzner, may have something to say about that—and so may Miss Averina.

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Tomorrow
8.0—Figure skating, women's compulsory figures.
9.0—Nordic skiing, men's 15km cross-country.
10.0—Speed skating, women's 3,000 metres.
12.30—Alpine skiing, women's downhill.
1.00—Nordic skiing combined; Men's 70 metres ski jump.
1.00—Ice hockey (Group A): USSR v Poland.
4.00—Ice hockey (Group A): W Germany v Finland.
8.00—Czechoslovakia v United States.

Yesterday's results

Biathlon

INDIVIDUAL (final placings): 1, N. Kruglov (USSR), 1hr 14min 12.26sec (2 km); 2, H. Ikola (Fin), 1:15:54.10; 3, A. Elizarov (USSR), 1:16:05.57; 4, W. Bortin (Ita), 1:16:30.36; 5, A. Tikhonov (USSR), 1:17:18.33; 6, E. Saira (Fin), 1:17:32.84; 7, L. Jordan (Ita), 1:17:49.83; 8, S. Adolfsson (Swe), 1:18:00.50; 9, T. Svensberget (Nor), 1:18:10.13; 10, L.-G. Arwidson (Swe), 1:18:34.57.

BRITISH PLACINGS: 30, G. Ferguson, 1:24:18.09; 36, M. Hirst, 1:25:52.97; 39, J. Stevens, 1:27:15.87.

Speed skating

WOMEN'S 500 METRES (final placings): 1, S. Young (US), 42.76sec (Olympic record); 2, C. Priestner (Can), 43.12; 3, T. Averina (USSR), 43.17; 4, L. Poulos (US), 43.21; 5, V. Krasnova (USSR), 43.23; 6, L. Sadchikova (USSR), 43.50; 7, M. Nagava (Jap), 43.88; 8, P. Halonen (Fin), 43.99; 9, L. Monk (US), 44.00; 10, H. Lange (EG), 44.21.

Bobsleigh

TWO-MAN BOBSLEIGH (after two runs): 1, Austria II (F. Sperling, A. Schwab), 1min 52.25sec (56.06, 56.19); 2, East Germany II (M. Nehmer, B. Germeshausen), 1:52.28 (56.24, 56.04); 3, West Germany I (W. Zimmerer, M. Schumann), 1:52.40 (56.09, 56.31); 4, West Germany II (G. Hefti, F. Ohlwaerter), 1:52.79 (56.36, 56.43); 5, Switzerland I (E. Schaerer, J. Benz), 1:52.96 (56.43, 56.53); 6, Austria I (D. Karth, F. Koefel), 1:53.28 (56.52, 56.76); 7, Italy I (G. Alvera, F. Perruquet), 1:53.33 (56.62, 56.71); 8, East Germany II (H. Schoenau, R. Bethge), 1:53.48 (56.69, 56.79); 9, Switzerland II (F. Lendi, T. Hagen), 1:54.27 (56.95, 57.32); 10, Sweden I (C-E. Eriksson, K. Roenn), 1:54.29 (57.09, 57.20).

BRITISH PLACINGS: 19, Britain I (J. Price, M. Lloyd), 1:56.18 (58.05, 58.13); 21, Britain II (M. Agar, W. Sweet), 1:56.73 (58.40, 58.33).

Ice hockey

GROUP A (for places 1 to 6): West Germany 7, Poland 4; USSR 6, United States 2; Czechoslovakia beat Finland, 2—1.

Tobogganing

MEN (after three runs): 1, D. Guenther (EG), 2min 35.906sec (51.418); 2, J. Fendt (WG), 2:36.376 (51.749); 3, H. Rinn (EG), 2:36.674 (51.690); 4, S. Hoelzlwimmer (WG), 2:37.028 (52.030); 5, M. Schmid (Aut), 2:37.159 (52.113); 6, A. Winkler (WG), 2:37.168 (52.319); 7, H. Winkler (EG), 2:37.245 (52.069); 8, R. Sulzbacher (Aut), 2:37.852 (52.304); 9, D. Bremze (USSR), 2:37.916 (52.364); 10, R. Schmid (Aut), 2:39.100 (52.361); 11, V. Shitov (USSR), 2:39.457 (52.427); 12, K. Brunner (Ita), 2:40.167 (53.025).

BRITISH PLACINGS: 29, J. Palmer-Tomkinson, 2:46.596 (54.959); 31, M. do Carvalho, 2:47.029 (55.277); 36, R. Liversedge, 2:48.707 (55.989).

WOMEN (after three runs): 1, M. Schumann (EG), 2min 7.96sec (42.285); 2, E. Demleitner (WG), 2:08.061 (42.388); 3, U. Ruehrold (EG), 2:08.073 (42.439); 4, E.-M. Wernicke (EG), 2:08.364 (42.711); 5, A. Mayr (Aut), 2:08.394 (42.655); 6, M. Graf (Aut), 2:08.439 (42.556); 7, M. Scheftschik (WG), 2:08.576 (42.981); 8, A. Schafferer (Aut), 2:09.244 (42.793); 9, D. Sredenski (Swi), 2:09.601 (43.178); 10, V. Zozulia (USSR), 2:09.803 (42.651).

Guide to countries

KEY: And—Andorra; Arg—Argentina; Aus—Australia; Aut—Austria; Bel—Belgium; Bul—Bulgaria; Can—Canada; Ch—Chile; Cz—Czechoslovakia; EG—East Germany; Fin—Finland; Fra—France; GB—Great Britain; Gre—Greece; Hun—Hungary; Ice—Iceland; Irn—Iran; Ita—Italy; Jap—Japan; Leb—Lebanon; Lie—Liechtenstein; Hol—Netherlands; NZ—New Zealand; Nor—Norway; Pol—Poland; Rom—Rumania; SM—San [illegible]; SK—South Korea; USSR—Soviet Union; Spa—Spain; Swe—[illegible]; Swi—Switzerland; Tai—[illegible]; Tur—Turkey; US—United [illegible]; WG—West Germany; [illegible] ...goslavia.

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A...	1	–	–
Canada	–	1	–
Finland	–	1	–
Switzerland	–	1	–
Italy	–	–	1

Football

Injury to Thomas hits Welsh cup hopes

Wrexham's European Cup Winners Cup hopes were hit last night when their Welsh under-23 international Michael Thomas was carried off with a suspected broken leg at Southend.

Thomas, who was taken off on a stretcher in the 66th minute after a tackle by the Southend defender Little, now seems certain to miss the European tie against Anderlecht next month.

Southend won the match 2-1, Brace (35 minutes) and Silvester (32) scoring for the home club with Tinnion replying for Wrexham after 80 minutes.

Football results

Second division
Hull (0) 0 Blackburn (1) 1
Oates
6,205

Third division
Southend (1) 2 Wrexham (0) 1
Brace, Silvester Tinnion
3,162

Fourth division
Swansea (1) 5 Reading (0) 1
Bray, Conway, Friday
James, Curtis 2 2,750
Tranmere (0) 2 Lincoln (0)
Moore (pen), 4,869
James

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: North Leamington 1, Witney Town 1.

RUGBY UNION: Bridgend 30, Melrose 7; Bedford 9, London Welsh 13; Cardiff 60, Gala 6; Cross Keys 4, Jedforest 4; Maesteg 32, Langholm 15; Moseley 30, Birkenhead Park 10; Pontypridd 40, Selkirk 3.

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Castleford 16, Salford 19.

It would be dangerous to dismiss a wounded Leeds at Anfield

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

Football being the banana skin on which so many opinions slip disconcertingly one must be prepared for Leeds United to upset all the odds at Liverpool today.

Everything would seem against the Yorkshire club—two successive home defeats by Crystal Palace in the FA Cup and by Norwich City, and now their side is badly disrupted, with Bremner and McQueen still injured, Cherry suspended, and Reaney and Lorimer facing fitness tests this morning. Jimmy Armfield, the manager says: "If they fail to make it I will be without half my team. It is always hard at Liverpool, but it is important that we do well now following those two upsets at Elland Road." The fact that Liverpool are unchanged for the sixth successive week and unbeaten in their last nine league games makes it all the more dangerous to take things at their face value.

It is praiseworthy the way Liverpool and Leeds have kept up their relentless chase for honours over the years. This is Liverpool's 12th successive season in European competition; Leeds, too,—this year apart—have traversed the Continent regularly since 1965. But now a famous star is in challenging orbit again after suffering a pale decline after winning the European Cup in 1968.

It is, of course, Manchester United. Unchanged for the 11th time on the trot, and unbeaten in their last eight games in the league, they and Derby County are the only sides of the leading eight clubs in the championship still in with a chance of the league and FA Cup double. Top of the list by a point, with all their challengers yet to visit Old Trafford, United today are at Coventry and Tommy Docherty, the manager, says: "I have not considered trying to consolidate our lead by playing defensively. We shall continue to attack. In any case my team would not know how to play defensively."

Meanwhile Derby, reinforced by the return of Nish to left back, travel to St James's Park where the tide is running strongly for Newcastle United these days. Like Liverpool a few years ago, every member of the Geordie side has scored this season except Mahoney the goalkeeper. Newcastle have lost only once in their last 12 League and Cup matches.

This is the time of the year when the influenza bug attacks many members of this inscrutable island race. Indeed, it has hit Orient so hard (15 players are out of action) that the Football League moguls have acceded to their request to postpone their match against Charlton Athletic. Similarly Fulham and Luton Town, too, have had their forces weakened but are carrying on. Sunderland incidentally have dropped Kerr for their visit to Craven Cottage, only the second game he will have missed since captaining Sunderland to their FA Cup triumph three years ago.

The big match here in the second division is the meeting of Bristol City and Southampton, a side going great guns now that Osgood and McCalliog are dovetailing in midfield. They are unbeaten in their last 11 league and Cup games and City, even with their top goalscorer, Cheesley, back in action may find it hard to win.

Elsewhere Bowles, who blows tantalisingly hot and cold in his relationship with Queens Park Rangers, is back again in action this afternoon against Wolverhampton Wanderers. Although off the transfer list he still vows that he wishes to leave Loftus Road, but no serious bids for his signature indicate that his sometimes irrational behaviour weighs more heavily with people than his undoubted skill. Meanwhile up north the requests by Currie and Woodward to move to fresh fields have been refused by Sheffield United. When asked about rumours that £300,000 might still persuade the hard-pressed club to let Currie go drew a reply of "No comment" from Jimmy Sirrel, the manager. It was the response of a politician facing a ticklish situation.

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	27	16	6	5	44	25	38
Liverpool	27	13	11	3	44	23	37
Derby County	27	15	6	6	45	34	36
Leeds United	26	15	5	6	50	26	35
QP Rangers	28	12	10	6	39	22	34
West Ham Utd	27	13	5	9	37	38	31
Manchester C	27	10	9	8	41	25	29
Middlesbrough	27	10	9	8	29	25	29
Stoke City	27	11	7	9	33	32	29
Ipswich Town	27	8	12	7	32	29	28
Everton	27	9	10	8	41	50	28
Newcastle Utd	27	10	7	10	50	37	27
Leicester City	27	7	13	7	30	37	27
Tottenham H	27	7	12	8	38	35	26
Norwich City	27	9	7	11	40	41	25
Aston Villa	27	8	9	10	30	37	25
Coventry City	27	8	9	10	28	37	25
Arsenal	27	8	7	12	31	33	23
Wolverhampton	27	6	7	14	28	40	19
Birmingham C	27	7	4	16	37	54	18
Burnley	27	5	7	15	28	44	17
Sheffield Utd	27	1	6	20	18	55	8

Squash rackets

Whatever the crisis Hunt has been through it before

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

The top four men in the world ranking contest the semi-final round of the inaugural world open squash rackets championship, sponsored by Lucas Industries, at Wembley today. One pairing links Qamar Zaman and Mohibullah Khan, two Pathans who are travelling companions and practice partners. The other matches Geoffrey Hunt, a Victorian, with Gogi Alauddin, a Punjabi.

Zaman holds the British open title, which is incorporated in the present championship, and Mohibullah won the Australian open title without losing a game. Hunt won the British championship in 1969 and 1974 and Alauddin was runner-up in 1973 and 1975. Neither Zaman nor Hunt has lost more than six points in any one game at Wembley this week. That form suggests that they have only each other to fear.

Zaman, flat-footed but fast, is a shuffling sorcerer: the most artistic of the quartet. His wrist work can deceive anyone. He is also playing with exemplary concentration and discretion, going for his shots only when confident that the percentages favour flamboyance. Mohibullah, who anticipates Zaman's intentions better than anyone else does, has the speed and stamina to resist pressure and, when he is in the mood, the power and touch to impose it. But he is only 20. Is he mature enough to maintain peak form under the emotional stress of the biggest event in the history of the game?

Alauddin beat Hunt in 1973 but lost to him the following year. A fragile-looking chap with a 27-inch waist, he lacks the weight of shot of his rivals. But, rather like the mouse in the "Tom and Jerry" series, he tends to come up smiling—and winning—after taking an awful hammering. Alauddin is agile and shrewd, achieving his effects by teasing stuff rather than violence. He caresses the ball rather than assaulting it. His control is superb. He is a master at taking the sting from his opponent's game and creating a tactical maze that can be agonizing for others to explore.

Hunt plays a refined, supercharged version of basic squash. He is a kind of Mohibullah with the wrinkles smoothed out—fast in his anticipation and tactical wit as he is on his feet, and varying length and pace with a facility that blends skill, fitness, and the wisdom of experience. Whatever the crisis, Hunt has been through it before. His short game has never been better. He should win the championship. But it would be folly to risk much money on anyone.

Hockey

RAF need big effort to undermine Lancashire

By Sydney Friskin

Another weekend of crucial decision confronts the hockey scene at various levels. Most of the interest is concentrated in tomorrow's semi-final round of the county championship, sponsored by Benson and Hedges, but there is also the postponed eastern final of the national club championship to be completed.

Lancashire take on the Royal Air Force whose reconnaissance flights have been somewhat hampered by bad weather. This match is to be played at Northern Club, Liverpool, the scene of Lancashire's dramatic victory over Middlesex on penalty strokes a fortnight ago.

The news from the northern camp is that all is well with Lancashire, who are starting with the same line-up as the one that faced Middlesex, with Cotterell as inside right and Dooley as first substitute. The RAF have announced a party of 14 which includes the familiar figures of Aldrich, a fine striker of short corners, and Old in the back division, Bales, Webber and the left-handed Lawless up front.

The RAF's formation is somewhat flexible, depending on the needs of the moment, which is a policy also adopted by Lancashire. It will, however, take a superior effort on the part of the RAF to undermine the confidence which Lancashire have acquired this season.

Devon, who meet Hertfordshire at Plymouth, would like to erase the memory of the 6—1 defeat suffered at St Albans last season. The bad news from Hertfordshire is that Cotton, the Great Britain Olympic captain, is out of action with a broken thumb and is likely to be so for the next three weeks. Hertfordshire, nevertheless, have sufficient resources to cope with the situation. Their preparation was completed last week with a good 2—1 victory over Civil Service.

Devon have strong fortifications in the persons of Tim Shobrook, Davis and Hannigan, who will have to be at their best to cope with the resourceful Hertfordshire forward line composed of Hazell, Morgan, Ashby, Tideswell and Guyton. Devon themselves will look to Roger Shobrook, Underhill and Major for their embellishments in attack.

Those who undertake another journey to Luton where the eastern final between Bedfordshire and Bury St Edmunds YMCA was called off last Sunday because of bad weather, should have their hopes fulfilled. Both teams go through to the next round of the tournament but each side will go all out for a win.

Slough, who hold the lead in the London League table, are expected to beat London University today. Southgate should have little difficulty beating Mid-Surrey and Blackheath will probably get the better of Surbiton. Hounslow's chances of staying in the hunt will depend on the result of their match with Bromley.

Golf

US Curtis Cup party

Far Hills, New Jersey, Feb 5.—The United States Golf Association have invited eight women to play for the United States against Britain in the Curtis Cup at Royal Lytham and St Annes on June 11 and 12. They are: Barbara Barrow, Beth Daniel, Cynthia Hill, Donna Horton, Deborah Massey, Carol Semple, and Mrs Nancy Syms.

Should any of the player decline the invitation, three alternatives are listed in order. They are: Peggy Conley, Beth Barry, and Nancy Smith. The non-playing captain is Barbara McIntire. Miss Daniel is the current United States women's amateur champion.

Rackets

Two titles for Myrtle

By Our Rackets Correspondent

Andrew Myrtle won the Army rackets championship for the seventh time at Queen's Club, London, yesterday. In a final round that lacked the excitement and quality play of his semi-final against Bruce Osborne, Myrtle beat David Reed-Felstead, to whom he was giving at least a dozen years, by 15—10, 18—13, 15—12.

In terms of stroke and match play Myrtle was incomparably the better of the two. But Reed-Felstead is a spoiling type of player who makes it difficult for opponents to achieve much rhythm. Because a lot of Reed-Felstead's were high and round the walls, Myrtle often found himself tucked up when trying to swing at the ball.

All this became apparent in the first game in which there was a good deal of sparring and a large number of unproductive hands as the players advanced to 10—10. Both men were putting a lot of shots on to the back wall. At this point Reed-Felstead momentarily wavered and Myrtle, helped by a couple of aces, pocketed the game.

At the start of the second game Reed-Felstead began to straighten out his shots and get down to some hard grafting. He led 11—3 when his play suddenly became loose as if he was thinking about something else. In trying to recover he became defensive, and Myrtle chipped his lead away.

The fact was that in eight hands and with three lucky wood shots Reed-Felstead won only two more points in that second game. In the third the loser made one brief challenge to lead 12—11, but Myrtle was far too resolute to let him go further. Myrtle won his second title when he and Osborne took the inter-regimental doubles for the Scottish division.

ARMY CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Col A. D. Myrtle (KOSB) beat Capt D. M. Reed-Felstead (RHG / Dragoons), 15—10, 18—13, 15—12.

INTER-REGIMENTAL DOUBLES: Final: Scottish Division (Myrtle and Capt B. M. Osborne) beat RHG / Dragoons (Reed-Felstead and Lt T. L. S. Livingstone-Learmonth), 15—1, 15—10, 15—12, 15—11.

COMBINED SERVICES (past and present) doubles: G. W. T. Atkins and C. T. M. Pugh beat Reed-Felstead and Lt C. M. Craugs, 15—8, 15—11, 15—1, 15—10.

Television highlights

BBC 1
Football: Preview (12.25).
Racing: Wetherby races at 1.0, 1.30, 2.0.
Olympic Games: Ice Hockey: Czechoslovakia v Finland; Tobogganing: Men's and women's finals (1.40); Ski Jumping: 70 metres (2.10); Bobsleigh: Two-man (4.25); Pairs figure skating (9.30).
Rugby Union: Wales v Scotland (2.40); France v Ireland (4.50).
Football: Match of the Day (10.0).

BBC 2
Rugby Union: Wales v Scotland, France v Ireland (7.5).

BBC 1 tomorrow
Olympic Games: Skiing: Women's downhill (3.45).

IBA
Football: Preview (12.35).
Racing: Sandown Park races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Stratford-on-Avon races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45.
Gymnastics: Los Angeles display (3.10).
Swimming: Speedo international (about 3.30).
Wrestling: Bradford promotion (4.0).

IBA tomorrow
Football: Big Match (2.5).

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

First division
Birmingham v Middlesbro
Burnley v Ipswich
Coventry v Manchester U
Liverpool v Leeds
Manchester C v Aston Villa
Newcastle v Derby
Norwich v Arsenal
QPR v Wolves
Sheffield U v Everton
Stoke v Leicester
Tottenham v West Ham

Second division
Bristol C v Southampton
Fulham v Sunderland
Nottm Forest v Blackpool
Oldham v Carlisle
Oxford v Chelsea
Plymouth v Notts Co
Portsmouth v Bolton
West Brom v Bristol R
York v Luton
Postponed: Orient v Charlton

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE (2.30): Old Carthusians v Old Wykehamists; Old Chigwellians v Old Aldenhamians; Old Reptonians v Old Cholmeleians.

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v Cambridge University; Hawks v Dulwich; Hounslow v Bromley; London University v Slough; Mid-Surrey v Southgate; Purley v Cheam; Reading v Hampstead; Spencer v Maidenhead; Surbiton v Blackheath; Tulse Hill v Richmond; Wimbledon v Oxford University.

OTHER MATCH: Oxford University Occasionals v Army Under-21 (at The Parks).

EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedfordshire Eagles v Old Southendians; Bishop's Stortford v Westcliff; Cambridge City Wanderers v Bury YMCA; Chelmsford v Broxbourne; Colchester v Pelicans; Norfolk Wanderers v Blueharts; Welwyn Garden City v Cambridge City.

WOMEN'S COUNTY MATCHES: Cambridgeshire v Suffolk (at Cambridge); Yorkshire v Cheshire (at York); Sussex v Dorset (at Chichester); Hunts and Peterborough v Leicestershire.

Third division
Aldershot v Port Vale
Bury v Brighton (3.15)
Chester v Rotherham
Colchester v Chesterfield
C Palace v Swindon
Gillingham v Sheffield Wed
Grimsby v Peterboro
Mansfield v Hereford
Preston v Halifax
Shrewsbury v Millwall
Walsall v Cardiff

Fourth division
Barnsley v Torquay (3.15)
Bournemouth v Crewe
Bradford v Exeter
Cambridge v Scunthorpe
Hartlepool v Darlington
Huddersfield v Doncaster
Newport v Stockport (6.30)
Northampton v Rochdale
Watford v Southport
Workington v Brentford

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Stourbridge; Bedford v Weymouth; Burton v Dover; Grantham v Tonbridge; Gravesend v Bath; Hillingdon v Nuneaton; Kettering v Dunstable; Maidstone v Chelmsford; Wealdstone v Cambridge City; Yeovil v Margate. First Division: North: Banbury v Bromsgrove; Barnet v King's Lynn; Barry v Wellingborough; Gloucester v Bedworth; Kidderminster v Cheltenham; Merthyr Tydfil v Bury Town; Milton Keynes v Oswestry; Redditch v Corby; Tamworth v Enderby; Worcester v Stevenage. South: Ashford v Bognor Regis; Basingstoke v Canterbury; Dorchester v Trowbridge; Folkestone Shepway v Crawley; Hastings v Salisbury; Metropolitan Police v Guildford-Dorking; Minehead v Bexley; Ramsgate v Dartford; Romford v Poole.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Cheshunt v Alton; Edmonton-Haringey v Lewes; Grays Athletic v Hounslow; Letchworth v Egham; Leyton-Wingate v Marlow; Rainham v Addlestone; Redhill v Erith and Belvedere; Worthing v Ruislip Manor. Second division: Aylesbury United v Eastbourne United; Camberley v Feltham; Eastbourne Town v Hemel Hempstead; Faversham v [illegible]; Tring v Epping; Uxbridge v [illegible]; Willesden v Harefield United; Windsor and Eton v Epsom and Ewell.

Scottish premier division
Celtic v Hearts
Dundee Utd v Ayr
Hibernian v Dundee
Rangers v Aberdeen
St Johnstone v Motherwell

Scottish first division
Airdrie v Dunfermline
Arbroath v Falkirk
Dumbarton v Clyde
East Fife v Montrose
Hamilton v Kilmarnock
Partick Th v Morton
St Mirren v Qn of South

Scottish second division
Brechin v Clydebank (2.45)
Cowdenbeath v Forfar
E Stirling v Berwick
Meadowbank v Alloa
Stenhousemuir v Albion Rvrs
Stirling Alb v Queen's Pk
Stranraer v Raith (2.45)

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Hayes v Walthamstow Avenue; Leatherhead v Hendon; Slough v Clapton; Southall v Bishop's Stortford; Staines v Hitchin Town; Tooting and Mitcham v Dulwich Hamlet; Woking v Oxford City; Wycombe Wanderers v Kingstonian. Second division: Boreham Wood v Croydon; Bromley v Finchley; Carshalton Athletic v Harwich and Parkeston; Chesham United v Ware; Hampton v Aveley; Harrow Borough v Wembley; Horsham v Hertford; Maidenhead United v Hornchurch; Walton and Hersham v Corinthian-Casuals; Wokingham v Tilbury.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Stafford Rangers v Burton; Fleetwood v Goole; Gateshead v Skelmersdale; Lancaster v Bangor City; Mossley v Gainsborough. Cup: Third round: Barrow v Buxton United.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Second round (2.15): Old Bradfieldians v Old Foresters (at Whiteley Village); Old Wellingburians v Old Brentwoods (at Wellingborough).

Rugby League
First Division
Featherstone R. v Dewsbury
Leeds v Warrington
Wigan v Huddersfield

Rugby Union
International matches
Wales v Scotland (at Cardiff, 2.45)
France v Ireland at Paris

County Championship Semi-Final
Nth. Midlands v Middlesex (at Moseley, 2.30)

County Championship play-off
Cheshire v Lancashire (at New Brighton 3.30)

Club Matches
Army v Cambridge Univ.
Bath v Rosslyn Park
Birmingham v Wakefield
Bridgwater & Alb. v Oxford
Bristol v Nuneaton (3.15)
Broughton Park v Orrell (2.45)
Devonport Svcs. v Taunton (2.45)
Edinburgh Acads. v Melrose (1.0)
Fylde v Harrogate (2.30)
Glamorgan Wdrs. v Pontypool (10.30)
Glasgow Acads. v West of Scot. (2.45)
Glasgow High v Watsonians (2.45)
Gloucester v Exeter
Gosforth v New Brighton (2.45)
Guy's Hospital v Coventry (2.45)
Hawick v Royal High (2.45)
Hull & E.R. v Bradford
Leicester v London Scottish (12.0)
Loughboro C. v Manchester
Northampton v Harlequins
Nottingham v Metro. Police
Oxford Univ. v TCD (2.30)
Penarth v Swansea (1.0)
Penryn v Torquay Ath. (2.45)
Redruth v Truro (2.45)
Richmond v Headingley (2.45)
Roundhay v Hartlepool-R. (2.45)
Rugby v Cheltenham
St Lukes Coll. v Plymouth Alb. (2.45)
Sale v Liverpool
Saracens v St Albans (Croydon)
Streatham Police v Sale...ton (2.45)
Stroud v Lydney (2.45)
U.S. Portsmouth v Clifton
Wasps v Wharfedale (2.30)
Weston-s-Mare v St Ives (2.30)

Tomorrow

Rugby Union
CLUB MATCHES: Coventry v Waterloo; Blackheath v London Irish (2.15).

Rugby League
FIRST DIVISION: St Helens v Oldham; Wakefield v Hull KR (3.30); Widnes v Bradford Northern; Swinton v Keighley.

SECOND DIVISION: Batley v Bramley; Halifax v Workington Town (3.30); Hull v Blackpool Borough; New Hunslet v Barrow (3.30); Rochdale Hornets v Doncaster; York v Huyton.

Hockey
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final round: Devon v Hertfordshire (Plymouth 2.0); Lancashire v RAF (Northern Club, Liverpool, 2.15).

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: East final: Bedfordshire Eagles v Bury St Edmunds YMCA (Luton, 1.45).

SPORT

Rugby Union

Wales seek more than victory—doubts about Scottish pack

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Wales have the ambition under their coach, John Dawes, not just to play winning football, but to do it with style. Those with the lasting good for rugby in these islands at heart should be thankful for such an attitude. It explains why the champions, who finished last season with a spectacular victory over Ireland, were not satisfied by those recently achieved—by decisive margins—over Australia and England. That is why they hope that everything may click into place against Scotland this afternoon (2.45).

Only once in almost 40 years has Cardiff proved fertile territory for the visiting Scots. But most of the battles have been close, hard-fought affairs and, of all Wales's opponents in the championship, Scotland, with tight and restrictive tactics, have seemed the likeliest in recent seasons to make their life difficult.

Thus it was last year at Murrayfield where the Scottish forwards, with the creative Morgan snapping at Edwards's heels, paved the way for a home victory by 12—10. Since then, however, Wales have matured into a stronger and more confident side, whereas Scotland seem to have slipped back.

There have been signs this season, both against Australia and France, that Scottish scrummaging strength is waning and we should now discover the truth. Scotland's selectors have brought back Fisher, who was replaced by Madsen against France, to hook, but otherwise have offered their hardy front five a further chance to quell all doubting thoughts. They also have reintroduced Michael Biggar, with his strength and hard grafting, on a flank.

The Scottish pack, then, has been subject to only two adjustments since the defeat by France. But the back division which played in that game has been drastically altered. Hay has been dropped and Irvine switches once again to the position, full back, that surely offers both him and his country the most scope for an exciting talent. That versatile footballer, McGeechan, moves from centre to stand-off in place of Telfer, Cranston, strong and uncompromising, wins a first cap at centre. Steele reappears on the right wing and Shedden on the left instead of the injured Dick.

Of all these changes the most critical seem to be at full back and stand-off. The Scottish forwards would endure a bad day indeed if Irvine should go without chances to make his attacking presence felt. McGeechan certainly has the poise and judgment to string it all together at the fulcrum. When it comes to scoring tries, Scottish supporters have not had a lot to enthuse about of late. Their XV managed two in the championship last season—both of them against Ireland. They have managed two more since then—against Australia—and one of those was a gift.

Edwards, perhaps, has nothing left to prove but his lapse from lofty estate in the match between the Barbarians and the Australians (let it be a comfort to us that even the maestro is human) must leave him anxious for a masterful performance now. If his forwards should give him the protective platform he needs, and if between them they should turn the screw in the first, attritional, phase, Wales will be praying that the most exciting set of backs in these islands can really go to town.

I do not know whether it is an omen but the Welsh are adamant that their training on Thursday went as encouragingly as any they can recall. In a land gripped by rugby fever, there was some disquiet when the captain, Mervyn Davies, turned an ankle. He is none the worse for it and today he plays his 36th consecutive international. This makes him, along with Denzil Williams, the most capped of Welsh forwards. The French referee, Mr Cuny, is handling his first championship match.

Today's teams at Cardiff

Wales			Scotland	
J. P. R. Williams (London Welsh)	15	Full back	A. R. Irvine (Heriot's FP)	15
T. G. R. Davies (Cardiff)	14	Right wing	W. C. C. Steele (London Scottish)	14
R. W. R. Gravell (Llanelli)	13	Right centre	J. M. Renwick (Hawick)	13
S. P. Fenwick (Bridgend)	12	Left centre	A. G. Cranston (Hawick)	12
J. J. Williams (Llanelli)	11	Left wing	D. Shedden (West of Scotland)	11
P. Bennett (Llanelli)	10	Stand-off	I. R. McGeechan (Headingley)	10
G. O. Edwards (Cardiff)	9	Scrum half	D. W. Morgan (Stewart's-Melville FP)	9
A. G. Faulkner (Pontypool)	1	Prop	J. McLauchlan* (Jordanhill)	1
R. W. Windsor (Pontypool)	2	Hooker	C. D. Fisher (Waterloo)	2
G. Price (Pontypool)	3	Prop	A. B. Carmichael (West of Scotland)	3
A. J. Martin (Aberavon)	4	Lock	A. F. McHarg (London Scottish)	4
G. A. D. Wheel (Swansea)	5	Lock	G. L. Brown (West of Scotland)	5
T. J. Cobner (Pontypool)	6	Flanker	M. A. Biggar (London Scottish)	6
T. M. Davies* (Swansea)	8	No. 8	G. Y. Mackie (Highland)	8
T. P. Evans (Swansea)	7	Flanker	D. G. Leslie (West of Scotland)	7

*Captain

Referee: A. Cuny (FFR)

French spirit a stiff brew for the Irish

Paris, Feb 6.—The French Rugby Union team today wound up practice for tomorrow's match with Ireland by concentrating on their second phase attack movements. After the way in which their pack dominated Scotland in the 13-6 victory at Murrayfield last month, the French were confident about winning their struggle with the Irish forwards at the Parc des Princes Stadium here.

The French forwards average 6ft 2½in and 15½st, with their new cap, the second-row forward, Jean-François Imbernon, from Perpignan, standing out at 6ft 7in and 16½st. He, Jean-Luc Averous and the centre, Joel Pecune, who replaces the injured François Sangalli, are the only changes made to the tem who went to Murrayfield.

France lost 25-6 in Dublin last year, but the Irish have won only once here in the last 20 years and without Willie-John McBride they might find the new-found French spirit a little too intoxicating.

Only six of the players who played in Dublin are in tomorrow's French team. "I think we all feel we must not underestimate the Irish team, even if its members have changed," the French captain, Jacques Fouroux said, after watching a video film of last year's Dublin debacle.

"The fact of starting favourites should make us all the more vigilant and make us want to win even more," said Fouroux, the scrum-half in the fast French side.

The changes involve the injured lock, Francis Haget, who has given up his place to Imbernon, and Andre Dubertrand, whose place on the left wing goes to Averous. Dubertrand scored France's only try against Scotland, but Averous is considered to be the best left wing in France and has had a series of good performances for his club, La Voulte. Sangalli was injured in a club match a fortnight ago.

The Irish team is something of an unknown quantity here, although the French were boosted by Ireland's defeat by the Australians. The French team official, Fernand Cazenave, warned that too many mistakes had been made against Scotland. "We have to be careful with our passing against the Irish to avoid giving them any gifts. They will be ready to take advantage of any mistakes", he said.

Powerful and aggressive in the tight and quick behind the scrum they seemed at Murrayfield the most likely side to present a serious challenge to the champions, Wales. Only over eagerness in the rucks and mauls, where too many penalties were conceded, marred an efficient performance.

Ireland are not as far advanced in their rebuilding following the loss of the mighty McBride, McLoughlin, Lynch and Kennedy. Age has taken its inevitable toll and the new captain, Michael Gibson, warns that the transition period could be a painful one.

He was proved right when the Irish gave a sub-standard display in succumbing to the Wallabies. They have now conceded 52 points in their last two matches. Their selectors took the extreme step of dismissing the British Lion flank forward, Fergus Slattery, in making four changes from the side beaten 20—10 by Australia, and have been forced into another because the loose head prop, Paddy Agnew, has a knee ligament injury.

There are two new caps in the pack, Brendan Foley, a Limerick lorry driver, coming into the second row, and Philip Orr, at prop, for Agnew. Slattery, whose speed in the loose could be badly missed, is replaced by the aggressive Munster flank forward Shay Deering. Barry McGann is fit again and regains the stand off half position after injury.

All the replacements are strong tacklers and it seems that the Irish are prepared for an afternoon of stern defence against the free-moving French. They will rely heavily on the experience of Gibson, who will be equalling the record of fellow-Irishman, Tom Kiernan—54 caps for a back—and McGann, who will have the promising John Robbie, a newcomer to the championship, as his scrum half. McGann's accurate goal kicking could punish the French if they concede too many penalties.

FRANCE: M. Droitecourt (Montferrand); J.-F. Gourdon (Racing), R. Bertranne (Bagnerais), J. Pecune (S. Tarbais), J.-L. Averous (La Voulte); J.-P. Romeu (Montferrand), J. Fouroux (La Voulte, captain); R. Paperemborde (Pau), A. Paco (Béziers), G. Cholley (Castres), M. Palmie (Béziers), J.-F. Imbernon (Perpignan), J.-C. Skrela (Stade Toulousain), J.-P. Bastiat (Dax), J.-P. Rives (Stade Toulousain).

IRELAND: A. H. Ensor (Wanderers); T. O. Grace (St Mary's), I. McIlrath (Ballymena), C. M. H. Gibson (NIFC, captain), A. W. McMaster (Ballymena); B. McGann (Cork Constitution), J. Robbie (Dublin University); P. Orr (O. Wesley), J. Cantrell (UC Dublin), P. O'Callaghan (Dolphin), M. I. Keane (Lansdowne), B. Foley (Shannon), S. A. McKinney (Dungannon), W. P. Duggan (Blackrock), S. Deering (Garryowen).

Referee: A. Welsby (England).—Agencies.

Lambert's chance to impress selectors

The rugby county championship semi-final round match between North Midlands and Middlesex at Moseley today has added importance as the England selectors will be meeting at West Bromwich afterwards to select the team to play Scotland at Murrayfield on February 21. Mr Alec Lewis, chairman of selectors, will be at the game to check on a number of players.

Corless the North Midlands captain, will be ardous to regain his England centre position after dropping out of the international against Wales with a knee injury, while question marks were left against the North Midlands flanker Keyworth and the Middlesex No 8 Ripley after the defeat by Wales.

One change the England selectors will have to make is to find a replacement for Squires who broke his arm against Wales. This provides a fine opportunity for the free scoring Harlequins and Middlesex wing Colin Lambert to stake his claim for a first cap.

Both counties have had to make a late change. Derek Nutt, the North Midlands No 8 has withdrawn with influenza and Leslie White is brought in at lock, with Ayre moving to the back row to maintain Moseley's representation of seven players. For Middlesex, Elgan Rees, the Wales B wing, has pulled out with an ankle injury and is replaced by Tiddy of Metropolitan Police.

Middlesex's chances of reaching the final for the first time since they won the title in 1968, will depend greatly on the halfbacks Young and Molloy. They have not played together in the county championships before, although both were on Middlesex's tour of South Africa last summer. Young will be making his championship debut.

Middlesex have the experience and ability in the forwards to control the game. They possess a formidable front row in Barlow, Clark and Adam and lineout experts in Ralston and Ripley. If Molloy and Young can distribute the possession wisely, Middlesex should prove too strong for North Midlands, who struggled to win their group.

Lancashire and Cheshire play off at New Brighton today to decide who plays the champions, Gloucestershire, in the other semi-final, on February 28.

NORTH MIDLANDS: M. Fenlont (Birmingham); M. Hall (Old Dixonians), B. Corless (Coventry, captain), M. Swain (Moseley), C. Perry (Birmingham); D. Everest (Moseley), P. Bullock (Birmingham); T. Corless (Birmingham), G. Cox (Moseley), A. Creaves (Moseley), L. Smith (Moseley), G. McDonald (Birmingham), M. Keyworth (Swansea), B. Ayre (Moseley), D. Warren (Moseley).

MIDDLESEX: D. Whibley (Richmond); C. Lambert (Harlequins), A. Friell (London Scottish, captain), G. Birkett (London Scottish), S. Tiddy (Metropolitan Police); R. Young (St Mary's Hospital), D. Molloy (London Irish); L. Barlow (Rosslyn Park), R. Clark (London Scottish), B. Adam (Wasps), R. Wright (London Scottish), C. W. Ralston (Richmond), A. Alexander (Harlequins), A. Ripley (Rosslyn Park), R. Mordell (Rosslyn Park).

CHESHIRE: C. Toone (Sale); D. Lee-Gallon (Birkenhead Park), A. Maxwell (Headingley), J. Howard (Broughton), G. W. M. Jones (Wilmslow), D. Newman (Birkenhead Park); S. J. Smith (Sale); S. Miles (New Brighton), J. Lansbury (New Brighton, captain), J. Robinson (Wilmslow), P. Shufflebottom (Wilmslow), M. Dearman (Orrell), J. Hitch (Wilmslow), M. Murray (Sale), C. Rodgers (Wilmslow).

LANCASHIRE: D. G. Gullick (Orrell); M. Slemen (Liverpool), W. Lyon (Orrell), A. W. Bond (Broughton Park), R. T. Briers (West Park), K. S. Aitchison (Fylde), J. Waring (Orrell); F. Blackhurst (Waterloo), R. Tabern (Fylde), F. E. Cotton (Sale), A. R. Trickey (Sale), W. B. Beaumont (Fylde), L. Connor (Waterloo), J. O'Driscoll (London Irish), A. Neary (Broughton Park, captain).

For the record

Tennis

RICHMOND (Virginia): First round: T. Okker (Netherlands) beat M. Riessen, 6—2, 6—2; G. Masters beat R. Laver (Australia), 6—1, 6—1; R. Ramirez (Mexico) beat Anand Amritraj (India), 6—4, 6—4; B. Gottfried beat R. Tanner, 6—3, 6—4.

BARCELONA: WCT tournament: quarter-final round: R. Crealy (Australia) beat B. Fairlie (NZ), 7—6, 6—1; E. Dibbs (US) beat W. Fibak (Poland), 4—6, 7—5, 6—2; C. Drysdale (SA) beat T. van Dillen (US), 7—5, 6—3; M. Cox (GB) beat K. Meiler (W Germany), 6—4, 6—7, 7—6.

RICHFIELD (Ohio): Virginia Slims: Miss S. V. Wade (GB) beat Miss J. Russell, 6—3, 6—0; Mrs K. Gunter beat Miss C. Meyer, 6—4, 6—3; Mrs E. Cawley (Australia) beat Miss L. E. Hunt (Australia), 6—3, 6—2; Mrs O. Morozova (USSR) beat Miss M. Guerrant, 6—4, 6—1; Miss R. Casals beat Miss G. Stevens, 6—4, 5—6, 6—1.

WEST BERLIN: King's Cup: W. Germany beat Great Britain, 2—1. Results: R. Taylor beat J. Fassbender, 7—5, 6—7, 7—6; U. Pinner beat C. Mottram, 2—6, 6—3, 6—4; Fassbender and H.-J. Pohmann beat Taylor and J. Lloyd, 3—6, 7—6, 6—3.

Yachting

SYDNEY: World tornado championships, first race: 1. R. White (GB); 2. J. Datchler (Australia); 3. A. Wilkinson (Netherlands); 4. L. Wood (Canada); 5. C. Dalton (Australia); 6. J. Weber (US).

Cricket

Turner steers New Zealand on a steady course

Christchurch, Feb 6.—The New Zealand captain, Glenn Turner, came out on top today in a battle of wits with the Indian skipper, Bishen Bedi, in a tight second day's play in the second Test here.

Turner ended the day, which was cut short by 40 minutes because of bad light, with an unbeaten 101 out of a New Zealand total of 237 for two wickets, in reply to India's first innings of 270. But he had to battle against the accurate line and length of Bedi's left arm spin bowling. Bedi gave away only 32 runs from his 21 overs and picked up the valuable wicket of Congdon.

New Zealand began the day at 26 without loss and added only 65 runs in the morning session for the loss of Morrison, who fell leg before to Madan Lal for 31. The slow run rate continued throughout the day with Turner, Congdon and later Parker having to work hard against the Indian attack on a slow wicket which restricted stroke play.

INDIA: First innings, 270 (G. Viswanath 83; R. Collinge 6 for 63).

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

G. M. Turner, not out	101
J. F. M. Morrison, l-b-w, b Madan Lal	31
B. E. Congdon, st Kirmani, b Bedi	58
J. M. Parker, not out	39
Extras (b 4, l-b 3, n-b 1)	8
Total (2 wkts)	237

M. G. Burgess, A. D. G. Roberts, †K. J. Wadsworth, D. R. Hadlee, R. J. Hadlee, H. J. Howarth, R. O. Collinge to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—56, 2—170.

BOWLING: Madan Lal, 21—4—61—1; M. Amarnath, 6.2—1—14—0; Chandrasekhar, 16—3—60—0; Bedi, 21—5—32—1; Prasanna, 16—1—62—0.—Reuter.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions off Piste	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Crans	30	75	Good	Heavy	Sun	3
Good snow above 2,000 metres						
Saas Fee	30	95	Good	Powder	Fine	-1
Powder snow on north slopes						
Sauze d'Oulx	30	105	Good	Heavy	Fog	1
Bare patches on lower slopes						
Seefeld	55	110	Good	Varied	Fine	6
Some worn patches						
Val d'Isère	40	85	Good	Varied	Fair	-1
More snow needed						
Zürs/Lech	115	170	Good	Varied	Sun	1
Good skiing on piste						

In the above snow reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources.

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
NORWAY					
Finse	225	255	Good	—	-10
Geilo	30	60	Good	—	-15
Gol	35	68	Good	—	-11
Lillehammer	50	61	Good	—	-12
Norefjell	30	40	Good	—	-12
Oslo	25	45	Good	—	-1
Rjukan	75	100	Good	—	-17
Voss	120	140	Good	—	-1

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Flyers 6, Vancouver Canucks 1; Boston Bruins 5, Pittsburgh Penguins 1.

WORLD ASSOCIATION: San Diego Mariners 3, Cleveland Crusaders 0; Phoenix Road Runners 3, Edmonton Oilers 1; New England Whalers 6, Calgary Cowboys 4; Indianapolis Racers 4, Quebec Nordiques 2.

Racing

Lanzarote to put Sea Pigeon to flight

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

There will be racing in the south again today provided that the weather does not interfere again. The course at Sandown Park was passed fit for racing this afternoon by the stewards when they inspected it yesterday morning, and today's meeting will be the first in the south for 10 days. After all the frost and snow which has disrupted not only the racing but also the training schedules recently, betting will be more risky than usual—not that that will worry some.

For those who care only about the horses the prospect of another look at Bula, The Dikler, Lanzarote, Sea Pigeon and Royal Relief—all top class horses on their day—should make the journey to Sandown Park well worth while. Bula and The Dikler are to take each other on in the Gainsborough Steeplechase, carried forward from yesterday's programme which was abandoned, and it will be suprising if Bula does not win. His form during the last two seasons has been much better than anything that The Dikler has accomplished.

In the circumstances the Oteley Hurdle is a race that appeals to me much more even though Bob Turnell has decided at the 11th hour not to run Birds Nest. The field includes Lanzarote and Sea Pigeon, both of whom are aspiring to the title of champion hurdler; Attivo and Supreme Halo, two likely lads for the Schweppes Gold Trophy which is due at Newbury in a week, and Slim Jim who has already been talked of as a possible winner of the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham in March, even though he has never run over hurdles.

Against such a backcloth the Oteley Hurdle does look fascinating. Lanzarote, who has won a Champion Hurdle in his time and his last three races this season, must give 4 lb to Sea Pigeon, who was beaten only a head by the reigning champion hurdler, Comedy of Errors, at Windsor on New Year's Day when he was receiving only 3 lb from the champion. Third in that race, but six lengths adrift at the end, was another of today's runners, Supreme Halo, who will be meeting Sea Pigeon on 8 lb better terms this time.

Whereas Attivo, who finished fifth in the same race at Windsor on New Year's Day, seems to have little or no chance of winning this afternoon, the conditions certainly suit Supreme Halo and I expect him to give Lanzarote and Sea Pigeon a thoroughly tough time. But I cannot get over the way that Lanzarote won the William Hill Christmas Hurdle at Kempton Park on Boxing Day and he is preferred. After all Tree Tangle, the horse that he trounced at Kempton by almost six lengths, has paid him a glowing tribute in the meantime by carrying 12 st 4 lb to an easy victory in the Embassy Handicap Hurdle at Haydock Park.

Ian Balding does not have many runners under National Hunt rules so his decision to run Slim Jim at all this winter let alone drop him in at the deep end on his initiation is an interesting one to say the least. I have been led to believe that Slim Jim, who won twice as a two-year-old and twice as a three-year-old on the flat to earn a rating of 120 in Timeform, hurdles adroitly at home. The gulf that divides flat racing and hurdling is a wide one, but that rating was pretty good as far as flat racing is concerned.

Paemako Prince, the only other runner, was reputed to be one of the best hurdlers in New Zealand where he won 16 races. But he has not cut much of a dash in his two races in this country. It may be unwise to write him off because it is possible that he has not become acclimatized yet. At Windsor, where he finished behind Sea Pigeon, Supreme Halo and Attivo, I got the impression that two miles even on such a sharp course such as that could well turn out to be just beyond his grasp.

Broncho II is my selection for the Stone's Ginger Wine Handicap Steeplechase, not so much on account of what he has achieved this season but on a point of handicapping and on the grounds of what he is capable of doing when he is right. Apparently his moderate form in the autumn can now be attributed to a blood disorder. Broncho is thought to be fit and well again and he certainly did enough last season to suggest that he would be capable of winning a race of this nature carrying 11 st 1 lb if only the going were good and fast which it promises to be today.

Kent set to conquer Stratford

By Michael Seely

Grand Canyon, one of Pat Samuel's three New Zealand bred hurdlers trained for him by Derek Kent at Chichester, is my selection to win the SKF Hurdle at Stratford-on-Avon today. Although Kent is adamant that Grand Canyon, Navigation, and Paemako Prince will be better horses next year when they have had time to become acclimatized, Grand Canyon's record this winter speaks volumes for his consistency and toughness.

Grand Canyon has won five of his six races and in the other, the race won by Asdic at Haydock Park, he had the misfortune to slip up on the flat before halfway. Grand Canyon's first three victories were gained in comparitively minor events and his fourth win in the SGB Hire Shop Hurdle at Ascot was a revelation. In this race second third and fourth were Supreme Halo, Fighting Kate and Philominsky. It would be foolish to exaggerate the merit of this victory as some of his opponents appeared to overdo the waiting tactics, but this defeat of such seasoned campaigners certainly stamped Grand Canyon as an exceptionally gifted novice.

But, set to concede weight all round, Grand Canyon's task is not a simple one this afternoon. Czarist's three victories in a row include a defeat of Acquaint at Kempton Park. Alaska Highway has now won two small races in style for Fred Winter and Firing Line, one of the first company-owned horses, has been running with credit for Power Packing Services and Les Kennard. But the principal threat should come from The Dunce, a smart handicapper on the flat two seasons ago when trained by the late Bernard Van Cutsem. Still owned by the Duke of Devonshire, The Dunce has now won two races for Fulke Walwyn.

The five-year-old was impressive when scoring at Newbury, but his hurdling was not without blemish when he was odds-on to defeat a small field at Haydock Park. The Dunce, a confirmed stayer and mudlark, is probably a high-class hurdler in the making, but at this stage of his development and on good ground I do not expect to see him overcome Grand Canyon on Stratford's tight circuit.

Another treat in store for Warwickshire racegoers is the prospect of seeing that spectacular two miler, Tingle Creek, carrying top weight in the Glazepta Handicap Steeplechase. Of his three opponents Wild Fox was probably a little flattered by the ease of his defeat of Casbah at Haydock. London Express, a smart handicapper on his day, has been a little disappointing since joining Fred Rimell. Vikrom has been running consistently well for Winter this season and has now taken four races but I have no intention of opposing the quick jumping Tingle Creek whose decisive defeat of Skymas at Sandown in January was recorded in a fast time.

Grand Canyon's trainer Kent, could well mark up a double with a former staying hurdler. Adulation, who can confirm the promise of his win over fences on this course in September by taking the second division of the Elsinore Novices Steeplechase.

At Wetherby the centrepiece is the William Hill Handicap Steeplechase run over three miles. For the winner I am taking the Stan Mellor trained seven-year-old, Another Muddle, who has won his last three races by a total of 38 lengths. At Worcester early in January he was always showing too much pace for the subsequent Sandown winner and strongly-fancied Grand National candidate, Money Market.

The pick of his opponents should be Glanford Brigg, Tamalin and Even Swell. The front running Glanford Brigg has been enjoying considerable success in minor handicaps, but despite Tamalin's recent victory at Ayr on the disqualification of The Gent I do not consider that last season's brilliant novice has yet found his best form. Even Swell is always a force to be reckoned with in this kind of event, but despite Another Muddle's rise in the weights it generally pays to side with an improving horse until he is beaten.

My idea of the best bet at Wetherby is Winter Melody in the Panama Cigar Hurdle qualifier. Jack Hanson's five-year-old hurdled impeccably when beating Riga by 10 lengths at Wetherby on Boxing Day.

STATE OF GOING (official): Sandown Park: Good to firm. Stratford-on-Avon: Good. Wetherby: Good. Leicester: Hurdles, good to soft; steeplechase, good to firm. Plumpton: Hurdles, good to soft; steeplechase, good.

Sandown Park programme

[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

1.0 GAINSBOROUGH STEEPLECHASE (£2,126: 3m 118yd)
101 13f-132 Bula (C) (Capt E. Edwards-Heathcote), F. Winter, 11-12-0 .... J. Francome
102 4p00-32 The Dikler (C) (Mrs M. Boddington), F. Walwyn, 13-12-0 .... R. Barry
109 p01- Koperio (A. Madwar), Madwar, 8-11-0 .... Mr Madwar
4-9 Bula, 2-1 The Dikler, 10-1 Koperio.

1.30 SPRING HURDLE (Handicap: £883: 2m)
202 00-0020 Jer (CD) (J. St George), H. Price, 8-11-4 .... P. Kelleway
203 11p-00 Present Arms (CD) (Queen Mother), F. Walwyn, 7-11-3 .... W. Smith
204 010-000 Indianapolis (CD) (D. Wickins), F. Winter, 9-11-2 .... J. Francome
205 2-04010 Tsuru (D) (J. Cogden), Cobden, 5-11-2 .... B. Jones 5
206 0 Ragamuffin (G. Richards), Richards, 9-10-11 .... J. O'Neill
207 000-20f Quick Attraction (I. Peskin), C. Bewicke, 6-10-9 .... R. Barry
208 102-421 Setra (D) (C. Neaves), Neaves, 8-10-6 .... E. Eccles
209 30bf42 Brief Chance (D) (G. McBride), P. Bailey, 6-10-6 R. Atkins
211 414010 Lyon del Mar (D) (Gp Capt H. Tudor), R. Akehurst, 7-10-5 .... J. King
216 00-0000 My Hero (G. Greenwood), A. Stevens, 7-10-1 .. R. Champion
218 00102-0 Escarole (C. Freud), G. Balding, 5-10-0 .... R. Bailey
3-1 Brief Chance, 6-1 Indianapolis, 6-1 Jer, 7-1 Present Arms, 8-1 Quick Attraction, Ragamuffin, 10-1 Setra, 14-1 Lyon del Mar, Tsuru, 20-1 others.

2.0 FAIRMILE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,033: 3m 118yd)
301 21-2pf Village Slave (R. Brown), F. Rimell, 8-12-7 ...... J. Burke
303 1-r141f Flap (Mrs E. Bailey), K. Bailey, 7-11-10 ...... W. Smith
306 10-0401 Sydney Carton (K. Cooper), G. Kindersley, 7-11-9 .... J. King
309 3-3pupf Last Trick (E. Leach), Leach, 8-11-2 .... K. Barker 7
312 422214 Tuscan Prince (CD) (Sir J. Thomson), R. Armytage, 12-10-9 .... J. Francome
317 4f4033 Bramwell Boy (Mrs M. Easton), Mrs Easton, 9-10-5 .... R. Champion
5-1 Village Slave, 4-1 Sidney Carton, 5-1 Flap, 6-1 Tuscan Prince, 8-1 Bramwell Boy, 14-1 Last Trick.

2.30 STONE'S GINGER WINE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £5,215: 2½m 68yd)
401 0-22201 Royal Relief (CD) (E. Courage), Courage, 12-12-3 .. J. King
402 211-124 Game Spirit (Queen Mother), F. Walwyn, 10-12-3 W. Smith
405 0-f4p11 Canasta Lad (Mrs D. Hague), P. Bailey, 10-11-7 .. R. Barry
407 1-a1111 Canadius (P. Muldoon), G. Richards, 7-11-2 .... J. O'Neill
409 23-034f Broncho II (C. Tyldesley), A. Dickinson, 7-11-1 .. M. Dickinson
410 p1-1102 Poohbear (CD) (Maj D. Wigan), P. Cundell, 8-11-0 .... J. Francome
411 023341 Polymic (J. Cobden), Cobden, 10-11-0 .... G. Thorner
416 113p31 Black Andrew (C) (Lady C. Spencer-Churchill), F. Walwyn, 6-10-5 P. Bl[illegible]
417 40s122 Brown Admiral (C) (H. Zeisel), F. Rimell, 7-10-4 .. J. B[illegible]
7-2 Broncho II, 9-2 Royal Relief, 6-1 Canadius, 7-1 Brown Admiral, Canasta Lad, 10-1 Black Andrew, Game Spirit, 14-1 Polymic, Poohbear.

3.0 SCILLY ISLES STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £2,208: 2m 18[illegible])
503 13 Salvitai (CD) (M. Vickers), J. Gifford, 8-11-9 .. R. Cham[illegible]
504 021312 Skryne (M. Buckley), P. Bailey, 6-11-9 .... R. [illegible]
505 ur1112 Grangewood Girl (J. Charlton), Mrs Finch, 7-11-4 .. J. [illegible]
509 324113 Stone Thrower (E. Biddulph), R. Head, 9-11-4 J. Fran[illegible]
511 Windrush (Mrs J. Gifford), J. Gifford, 8-11-4 .... M. Se[illegible]
3-1 Skryne, 5-2 Grangewood Girl, 3-1 Salvitai, 4-1 Stone Thrower, Windrush.

3.30 OTELEY HURDLE (£2,924: 2m)
601 11-4111 Lanzarote (CD) (Ld H. de Walden), F. Winter, 8-12-0 J. Fra[illegible]
603 2-01212 Sea Pigeon (D) (P. Muldoon), G. Richards, 6-11-12 J. O'[illegible]
605 230-00 Attivo (D) (P. O'Sullevan), P. Mitchell, 6-11-9 .. R. Hu[illegible]
607 f-00130 Fighting Taffy (CD) (P. Upton), Upton, 9-11-4 .. M. Gi[illegible]
608 00 Paemako Prince (D. Samuel), D. Kent, 8-11-4 .... W. S[illegible]
609 f-21023 Supreme Halo (CD) (Miss S. Rampton), R. Smyth, 6-11-[illegible]
610 200111 *Czarist (D) (M. Pearce), I. Wardle, 5-11-5 ..... J. [illegible]
611 Slim Jim (P. Roberts), I. Balding, 4-10-0 ...... G. Th[illegible]
13-8 Lanzarote, 5-1 Sea Pigeon, 5-1 Paemako Prince, 6-1 Supreme Halo, Attivo, 16-1 Fighting Taffy, 20-1 Slim Jim.

4.0 RIPLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (4-y-o: £797: 2m)
2 10a1 Tornado Prince (D) (M. Tabor), N. Callaghan, 4-11-7 S. Ec[illegible]
3 211304 Cabar Feidh (D) (Mrs C. Calvert), P. Calvert, 4-11-6 J. Dav[illegible]
5 41133 Gay Signal (D) (Lady Nugent), D. Nugent, 4-11-5 .. S. [illegible]
6 41140 Sarpedon (CD) (Miss S. Rampton), R. Smyth, 4-11-4 J. [illegible]
8 142404 Magic Summer (D) (I. Allen), R. Smyth, 4-11-1 R. Fors[illegible]
9 132220 Linsky (M. Soames), F. Winter, 4-11-1 ...... J. Fran[illegible]
10 201 Tudor Flame (D) (A. Stevens), Stevens, 4-10-13 R. Chan[illegible]
11 3402 Darcy (Mrs R. Adam), Y. Cross, 4-10-10 ...... F. Mck[illegible]
12 00401 Moorndyke (J. Redfern), J. Holt, 4-10-2 .... R. [illegible]
4-1 Tornado Prince, 9-2 Tudor Flame, 5-1 Sarpedon, 8-1 Cabar Feidh, Moorndyke, 10-1 Linsky, 12-1 Gay Signal, 16-1 Darcy, Magic Summer.
*Doubtful runner.

Sandown Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.0 Bula. 1.30 Brief Chance. 2.0 Flap. 2.30 BRONCHO II is specially recommended. 3.0 Grangewood Girl. 3.30 Lanzarote. 4.0 Gay Si[gnal].
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
4.0 Tornado Prince.

Wetherby programme

[Television (BBC 1): 1.0, 1.30, and 2.0]

1.0 ACOMB HURDLE (Novices: 4-y-o: Div I: Part I: £495: 2m)
2 13 Fighting Cock (D) (G. Ramply), D. Morley, 11-7 B. R. Davies
8 002010 Regent's Choice (D) (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 11-7 T. Stack
9 0410 Robb Rian (L. Axe), J. Hardy, 11-7 .... M. Blackshaw
15 Bustello (H. Bliss), M. W. Easterby, 11-0 ...... C. Tinkler
16 pp Captain Eustace (B. Watson), F. Dever, 11-0 ...... J. Glover
18 4 Coffee Boy (A. Grant), S. Hall, 11-0 .... K. Goddard 7
19 0 Commander Mac (T. McGuirk), P. Buckley, 11-0 M. Murphy 7
21 0 Daring Dolly (Mrs E. Dawson), G. Dawson, 11-0 M. Wagner
24 4 Five Card Stud (R. McLernon), P. Felgate, 11-0 R. F. Davies
30 0000 Fondoon (J. Bingham), H. Wharton, 11-0 ...... D. Greaves
32 Henbury Moss (G. Barlow), Barlow, 11-0 ...... Mr Eubank 3
33 4 Knaresboro (J. Hanson), Hanson, 11-0 ...... A. Bowker 5
37 Moss-Sight (J. Owen), J. Fitzgerald, 11-0 ...... M. Lowry 7
43 00 Regal Prince (J. Wilson), D. Doyle, 11-0 ...... Mr Wilson 7
46 0 Royal Darwin (Miss C. Crooks), Miss C. Crooks, 11-0 G. Holmes
49 0 Sharpie (Mrs S. Jones), 11-0 .... S. Holmes 7
5-1 Knaresboro, 7-2 Bustello, 4-1 Fighting Cock, 6-1 Regent's Choice, 8-1 Coffee Boy, 10-1 Robb Rian, 12-1 Five Card Stud, 14-1 others.

1.30 WILLIAM HILL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,061: 3m 100yd)
1 0-11341 Glanford Brigg (CD) (P. Harper), J. Hardy, 10-11-9 M. Blackshaw
2 2p-1p21 Tamalin (CD) (T. Metcalfe), G. Richards, 9-11-8 D. Goulding
6 4-a3111 Another Muddle (Mrs M. Richards), S. Mellor, 7-10-12 J. Glover
7 1011d0 The Gent (CD) (Mrs I. Cheesbrough), W. A. Stephenson, 8-10-7 ...... T. Stack
8 210231 Even Swell (CD) (Lord Cadogan), N. Crump, 9-10-2 D. Atkins
13 p33 Baltinglass (Mrs C. St John), W. Crawford, 9-10-0 R. Lamb
14 421211 Bar Rock (C) (J. Hanson), Hanson, 8-10-0 A. Bowker 5
11-4 Glanford Brigg, 3-1 Tamalin, 4-1 Another Muddle, 6-1 Bar Rock, 8-1 Even Swell, The Gent, 20-1 Baltinglass.

2.0 PANAMA CIGAR HURDLE CHAMPIONSHIP (5-y-o: Qualifier: £960: 2m)
1 30-1323 Dawlish (D) (Mrs B. Jenks), E. Cousins, 11-10 D. Cartwright
5 11 Lochranza (D) (H. Michael), E. Carr, 11-7 P. Harman 7
5 f2-133 Barney Maclyvie (Mr Agnew), S. Mellor, 11-3 J. Glover
8 030003 Bouchette (P. Downey), A. Smith, 11-0 J. Cullinane 7
13 El Kitala (T. Caple), J. Hume, 11-0 ...... B. R. Davies
16 0f Flying Diplomat (S. Griffith), A. Smith, 11-0 C. Tinkler
18 b43 General Jonathan (Mrs W. Crawford), W. Crawford, 11-0 R. Lamb
20 2f400- Montreal Boy (N. Chapman), J. Calvert, 11-0 .... N. Tinkler
22 0-00101 Ronorn (D) (Mrs P. Cole), J. Harris, 11-0 .... D. Nicholson
24 Sterne (E. Smith), M. Camacho, 11-0 ...... D. Greaves
25 030203 Spartan Sandal (G. Barlow), Barlow, 11-0 .... Mr Eubank 3
26 13 Sunlit Spar (D) (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 11-0 T. Stack
28 012 Tree Breeze (W. Barker), Miss S. Hall, 11-0 ...... P. Mangan
29 01 Winter Melody (CD) (J. Hanson), Hanson, 11-0 .. A. Bowker 5
9-4 Lochranza, 5-2 Dawlish, 7-2 Winter Melody, 6-1 Barney Maclyvie, 10-1 Tree Breeze, 14-1 others

2.30 FOX HUNTERS STEEPLECHASE (£478: 2½m 100yd)
2 f04f?1- Arctic Grey (J. Townson), Townson, 9-12-7 Mr Townson 7
4 20f214- Greystoke Pillar (Sir G. Cunard), G. Cunard, 8-12-7 Mr Cundall 7
5 1224- Highlands Imp (J. Bowman), Bowman, 10-12-7 Mr Bennett 7
7 214103- Kelton Lad (T. Littleton), Littleton, 7-12-7 Major Faulkner 3
8 314-232 Playbill (D) (Lord FitzWilliam), FitzWilliam, 11-12-7 Mr Greenall
9 Post-O.. (G. Barlow), Barlow, 10-12-7 ...... Mr Eubank 3
10 212112- Ptarmigan III (F. Gilman), Gilman, 10-12-7 .... Mr Saunders
11 f00000- Vulgan's Trust (A. Corner), Corner, 8-12-7 .... Mr Ormston 7
12 22134- Bannamoor (R. Brewis), Brewis, 13-12-0 ...... Mr Walton
13 4104- The Rebel II (Mrs D. Thomson), Mrs D. Thomson, 12-12-0 Mr Macmillan
14 04p- Antony Adverse (D. Reston), Reston, 10-11-9 .... Mr Reston 7
15 Bowdingo (J. Barton), Barton, 8-11-9 ...... Mr Barton 7
19 2- Morning Bloom (F. Watson), Watson, 9-11-9 Mr Watson 7
20 02u0- Opera Cloak (Mrs A. Collins), J. Jordon, 11-11-9 Mr G. Macmillan
21 3f- Pippispen (H. Bowman), J. Bowman, 11-11-9 ......
22 Sidney (J. Millington), Millington, 7-11-9 .... Mr Millington 7
24 0420- Spring Offer (R. Micklethwait), Micklethwait, 11-11-9 Mr Edmunds 7
26 Streaky Bacon (J. Emerson), Emerson, 9-11-9 ......
28 30b0ff- Whitsun Joe (Mrs P. Ellwood), Mrs P. Ellwood, 10-12-0 Mr Cowan 7
3-1 Playbill, 100-30 Ptarmigan III, 9-2 Kelton Lad, 5-1 Bannamoor, 7-1 Greystoke Pillar, 10-1 Highlands Imp, 14-1 Spring Offer, 20-1 others.

3.0 GARFORTH STEEPLECHASE (£659: 2m)
1 314124- Doriesa (A. McIndoe), A. Dickinson, 8-12-7 ...... I. Moulton 7
3 12-1033 Prize Crew (CD) (E. Boll), K. Oliver, 14-11-3 C. Tinkler
4 321011 Dancing Ned (C) (J. Britton), W. A. Stephenson, 8-10-13 T. Stack
7 113120 Even Melody (CD) (S. Green), N. Crump, 7-10-5 D. Atkins
10 22-323/ Lothian Brig (J. Alder), Alder, 11-10-0 .... P. Mangan
14 042103 Three Fred's (CD) (Major G. Maley), A. Watson, 9-10-0 G. Graham 5
15 0f-b343 Teddy Tudor (Mrs J. Bloom), J. Bloom, 12-10-0 Mr A. Wilson
5-2 Dancing Ned, 3-1 Prize Crew, 4-1 Doriesa, 11-2 Even Melody, 8-1 Lothian Brig, 16-1 Teddy Tudor, Three Fred's.

3.30 ACOMB HURDLE (Novices: 4-y-o: Div II: £493: 2m)
1 311224 Ingham (D) (S. Nesbitt), Nesbitt, 11-0 .... P. Salmon 7
2 242210 Darling Eve (D) (Mrs W. MacDonald), N. Crump, 11-7 D. Atkins
4 01 Hemingway (D) (J. Pigott), M. W. Easterby, 11-7 C. Tinkler
6 014p4 Polonium (D) (J. Valks), W. A. Stephenson, 11-7 T. Stack
9 Abergwiffy (Mrs J. Matthews), M. Camacho, 11-0 D. Greaves
10 0 Acas High (Mrs S. Alston), K. Stapleton, 11-0 ......
11 0 Arctic Sun (J. Craig), F. Carr, 11-0 .... M. Blackshaw
12 0200 Beechwood Lad (W. Bulmer), R. Bastiman, 11-0 ......
13 0p Dantos Rogue (J. Wilson), H. Wharton, 11-0 ...... D. Swift 7
15 3322 Delarum (Mrs M. Allsopp), D. Morley, 11-0 ...... B. R. Davies
16 0 Derry Dale (Mrs E. Dawson), G. Dawson, 11-0 M. Wagner
17 0 Divine Queen (B. Haywood), K. Oliver, 11-0 J. Wilkinson 7
20 300 Gipsy Style (Mrs M. Twiddle), W. Buxton, 11-0 A. R. Davis 3
22 Grey Granite (A. Struthers), K. Oliver, 11-0 .... N. Tinkler
25 0000 Jim Colner (Mrs L. Mildenstine), D. Morley, 11-0 B. R. Davies
27 000 Milbil (W. Lowrie), E. Carr, 11-0 .... P. Harman 7
31 Prince Snook (O. Henley), W. Charles, 11-0 .... J. Glover
32 Royka (T. Barker), J. Fitzgerald, 11-0 ...... A. Brown 7
35 0 Rust Borough (S. Khan), D. Doyle, 11-0 ...... J. Doyle
43 0f Salubi (W. Ayton), A. Watson, 11-0 .... G. Graham 5
44 fu Seastreak (J. Hanson), Hanson, 11-0 .... A. Bowker 5
45 Sica Victoria (J. Brisco), T. Barnes, 11-0 ...... M. Barnes
47 0000 Solo Spy (F. Akeroyd), F. Wiles, 11-0 .... S. Wiles 7
52 00 Upper Echelon (A. Hanley), J. Mulhall, 11-0 .... K. Holmes 7
55 The White Seal (Mrs R. Wilson), P. Felgate, 11-0 R. F. Davies
4-1 Ingham, 9-2 Hemingway, 5-1 Delarum, 11-2 Darling Eve, 7-1 Polonium, 10-1 Upper Echelon, Abergwiffy, 12-1 Jim Colner, 20-1 others.

4.0 ACOMB HURDLE (Novices: 4-y-o: Div I: Part II: £495: 2m)
6 213 Murray Flash (D) (J. Adeane), D. Morley, 11-7 B. R. Davies
13 Brief Encounter (P. Rand), J. Bloom, 11-0 .... Mr A. Wilson
17 30 Carol's Choice (J. Craig), F. Carr, 11-0 ...... M. Blackshaw
21 000 Cambria Lass (J. Henderson), T. Barnes, 11-0 .... M. Barnes
22 Deep Divide (R. Sangster), E. Cousins, 11-0 ...... D. Cartwright
29 00 Flash Lass (T. Wiles), Wiles, 11-0 .... S. Wiles 7
31 0 Four Tens (R. Walter), S. Mellor, 11-0 .... J. Glover
33 0 Ice Plant (Lady Cadogan), N. Crump, 11-0 .... D. Atkins
34 Joans Dilemma (F. Bagiard), P. Buckley, 11-0 .... C. Tinkler
36 Lutyens (A. Dickinson), J. Harris, 11-0 .... J. Seaton 5
38 003 Mount Blessed (A. Snine), M. H. Easterby, 11-0 P. Broderick
40 0 Periplus (P. Wilson), W. Clay, 11-0 .... N. Clay 5
41 u0 Repeatedly (J. Bowman), Bowman, 11-0 .... J. Peate 3
47 3 Saychelle (P. Wigham), Wigham, 11-0 .... G. Holmes
51 0000 Spring Fling (H. Lauder), W. A. Stephenson, 11-0 T. Stack
9-4 Murray Flash, 5-2 Mount Blessed, 4-1 Saychelle, 7-1 Spring Fling, 10-1 Deep Divide, 12-1 Brief Encounter, Cambria Lass, 16-1 others.

Wetherby selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.0 Knaresboro. 1.30 Another Muddle. 2.0 WINTER MELODY is specially recommended. 2.30 Sidney. 3.0 Dancing Ned. 3.30 Hemingway. 4.0 Murray Flash.

Stratford-on-Avon programme

[Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

1.15 CYMBELINE HURDLE (Handicap: Novices: £544: 2m[illegible])
1 040121 Hemmings (D) (R. Barber), H. Payne, 4-11-11 Mr P. [illegible]
2 001433 Uncle Cyril (CD) (J. Lee), S. Matthews, 5-11-11 N. K[illegible]
3 0421 Embassy (Power Packing Services Ltd), L. Kennard, 5-[illegible] G. Ja[illegible]
4 2f-0103 Fox Run (D) (M. Cresswell), S. Underhill, 5-11-9 R. Mo[illegible]
6 22-302f Buckingham (A. Smith), A. Turnell, 6-11-6 .. S. C. Kni[illegible]
7 043200 Prince Hill (W. Williams), Williams, 4-11-5 .... Mr J. Fr[illegible]
9 001 Lionsmead (D) (H. Ford), A. Fisher, 4-10-15 .. D. Sund[illegible]
10 3000 Sugar Moss (J. Hurley), Hurley, 7-10-12 ......
13 234400 Sam Browne (G. Ratcliffe), J. Hardy, 4-10-11 .. I. Wat[illegible]
13 003044 Ascensure (R. Woolley), J. Spearing, 10-10-11 Mr R. Wool[illegible]
14 300043- Beer and Skittles (Maj M. Argyle), R. Hollinshead, 5-10-[illegible] G. A[illegible]
15 021 Knave of Hearts (J. Marshall), H. Nicholson, 4-10-11 R. Dic[illegible]
16 400-040 Thaddeus (J. Powney), Miss A. Sinclair, 5-10-10 .. R. R[illegible]
17 02032 Sandy's Girl (W. Owens), J. Bradley, 4-10-9 M. Willia[illegible]
18 130300 Rosie Whisper (Lt-Col J. Gibson), J. Gibson, 6-10-9 M. C[illegible]
19 20r422 Gay Viking (Mrs P. Lalley), M. Tate, 9-10-8 .... R. R[illegible]
20 422203 Honeymoor (S. Bowring), F. Dever, 5-10-6 .... S. He[illegible]
4-1 Hemmings, 9-2 Uncle Cyril, 5-1 Embassy, 6-1 Knave of Hearts, 7-1 [Fox] Run, 9-1 Lionsmead, 10-1 Sam Browne, 12-1 Sandy's Girl, 14-1 Honeym[oor], 16-1 others.

1.45 KNIGHT, FRANK AND RUTLEY HURDLE (Handi[cap] Qualifier: £491: 2m)
2 012012 Dee Lane (J. Tomlinson), Tomlinson, 6-12-1 .. A. K. [illegible]
3 3-30022 Glendale (CD) (J. Aitken), J. Spearing, 9-11-9 Len Gr[illegible]
5 Nantar (D) (Mrs J. Cebalos), F. Winter, 8-11-7 P. O[illegible]
6 0-00001 Spartan (D) (W. Catsery), M. Tate, 8-11-6 ......
7 203424 Old Chad (CD) (G. Farndon), J. Hardy, 8-11-4 .. J. Th[illegible]
11 03- Sidwin (CD) (G. Greenwood), A. Stevens, 7-11-0 .. S[illegible]
13 41-4000 Freop (D) (J. Brown), Brown, 5-10-13 .... C. [illegible]
15 000100 Lictor (D) (E. Courage), Courage, 9-10-7 ..... J. E[illegible]
16 23 Blitz (Dr A. Jones), A. Jones, 6-10-7 ......
18 4p03f0 PC's Record (CD) (Mrs M. Bradshaw), S. Underhill, [illegible]
17 22000 Hanzon (D. O'Donnell), F. Rimell, 6-10-5 ......
19 200f0u Silver Glint (D) (R. Ewens), J. Bower, 7-10-4 P. Mc[illegible]
21 004004 Go Baby Go (F. Beer), H. Payne, 5-10-3 ...... I. [illegible]
22 0u30f0 Great Freda (D) (I. Carey), M. Salaman, 5-10-1 .. R. M[illegible]
23 30-4u33 Arctic John (W. Owens), J. Bradley, 6-10-0 John M. Wi[illegible]
25 400440 Redcity (R. Brassey), Brassey, 6-10-0 ...... S. J. O[illegible]
3-1 Dee Lane, 7-2 Old Chad, 9-2 Spartan, 11-2 Hanzon, 7-1 Blitz, 10-1 Lictor, 12-1 Glendale, 16-1 others.

2.15 SKF HURDLE (£2,599: 2m)
1 11f111 Grand Canyon (D) (D. Samuel), D. Kent, 6-11-13 P. B[illegible]
3 200111 Czarist (D) (M. Pearce), I. Wardle, 5-11-5 .... K. B[illegible]
4 011 The Dunce (D) (Duke of Devonshire), F. Walwyn, 5-11-[illegible] A. Br[illegible]
6 12 Sanskrit (D. Lawton), J. Edwards, 5-11-3 ......
7 f011 Alaska Highway (D) (E. Penser), F. Winter, 7-11-1 R. K[illegible]
8 122 Aricaig (M. Wixey), J. Baine, 7-11-1 ......
9 0221 Night Echo (D) (Power Packing (London) Ltd), L. Ke[nnard], 6-11-1 I. Wat[illegible]
10 1131 Station Master (D) (E. Scouller), S. Mellor, 7-11-1 S. [illegible]
11 p013 Superior Sam (Major F. Phillips), F. Rimell, 6-11-1 ...... Mr S. Ma[illegible]
12 22 Beacon Light (H. Joel), R. Turnell, 5-11-0 ...... A. [illegible]
13 2101 Firing Line (D) (Power Packing Services Ltd), L. Ke[nnard], 5-11-0 R. [illegible]
15 34 Kas (G. Davies), J. Berry, 4-10-0 ...... R. R.
5-4 Grand Canyon, 11-2 The Dunce, 6-1 Arisaig, 8-1 Superior Sam, 10-[1 Night] Echo, 12-1 Station Master, 14-1 Czarist, 16-1 Alaska Highway, Beacon [Light], 20-1 others.

2.45 GLAZEPTA STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,618: 2m[illegible])
1 112411 Tingle Creek (CD) (Mrs W. Whittaker), Thomson Jones, [illegible] I. Wa[illegible]
4 100-321 Wild Fox (D) (H. Joel), R. Turnell, 9-11-3 .... A. [illegible]
6 220f22 London Express (D) (W. McFarlane), F. Rimell, 8-10-[illegible] K. B[illegible]
9 312113 Vikrom (CD) (Mrs J. Craig), F. Winter, 9-10-6 Mr N. He[illegible]
10-11 Tingle Creek, 5-2 London Express, 9-2 Wild Fox, 6-1 Vikrom.

3.15 ELSINORE STEEPLECHASE (Div I: Novices: £551: [illegible])
1 000411 Double Negative (Mrs M. Power), F. Rimell, 6-12-0 ......
3 p-00p1f Monitas (M. Henriques), Henriques, 7-11-7 Dr D. Ch[illegible]
5 000-1f Quordam (G. Bloxham), K. Bailey, 7-11-7 .... D. Sm[illegible]
6 101f32 Yasou (J. Beazley), P. Cundell, 6-11-7 ..... R. R[illegible]
7 000f00 Bastillion (R. Crosby), Crosby, 6-11-0 .... R. Kn[illegible]
9 apff0 Charles Edward (G. Goodman), J. Spearing, 7-11-0 Mr R. W[illegible]
10 The Coachman (R. Old), D. Kent, 9-11-0 ......
11 000000 Doctor Domore (M. Marsh), Marsh, 9-11-0 ..... T. [illegible]
13 pf Holford Glen (T. Pocock), R. Pocock, 7-11-0 ..... P. Ri[illegible]
14 0043pp Joint Affair (J. Bower), Bower, 7-11-0 ......
15 000-004 Kate's Lad (C. Lewis), J. Edwards, 7-11-0 .... R. F[illegible]
17 p-4222 Meneur (G. Lloyd), A. Jarvis, 8-11-0 ......
19 0-0 Plonk (M. Meade), Meade, 7-11-0 ...... P[illegible]
20 p2 Portland Fair (O. Pierce), D. Gandolfo, 8-11-0 ......
21 00-f04p Skid Alley (Mrs C. Payton), J. Edwards, 6-11-0 ... B[illegible]
24 0403 Sunny Isle (Dr D. Webber), J. Webber, 6-11-0 ... A[illegible]
26 020412 Ballygarvan Brook (CD) (R. Brookes), E. Jones, 5-1[illegible] I. W[illegible]
7-2 Yasou, 4-1 Double Negative, 9-2 Quordam, 6-1 Meneur, 8-1 Manl[illegible], Ballygarvan Brook, 12-1 Portland Fair, 14-1 Sunny Isle, 16-1 Kate's L[ad], others.

3.45 ELSINORE STEEPLECHASE (Div II: Novices: £551[illegible])
2 00110-1 Adulation (C) (Mrs R. Whiteway), D. Kent, 9-11-7 P[illegible]
6 13f032 Laurel Branch (Lord Cadogan), S. James, 9-11-7 Mr B[illegible]
9 1333fp Stepson (Lord Ronaldshay), S. Mellor, 6-11-7 ......
10 b102pp Yon (CD) (R. Brassey), Brassey, 8-11-7 ......
11 01-000 Brilliant Boy (J. Baker), R. Clay, 6-11-0 ...... J. [illegible]
13 pu4233 Dumelle (Mrs V. Welch), .. Welch, 8-11-0 .... Mr G. [illegible]
14 Golden Valor (Miss V. Pease), Miss Pease, 9-11-0 ......
16 0000 Jug of Punch (Mrs J. Fraser), J. Scudamore, 6-11-0 ......
17 00b Little Loo Too (V. Welton), S. Underhill, 6-11-0 .... R. [illegible]
18 f0uf23 Mini Prince (R. Pitman), Mrs R. Pitman, 7-11-0 A. [illegible]
20 04p0 Mysticus (G. Greenhalgh), F. Rimell, 6-11-0 ...... K. [illegible]
21 22-0003 Portland III (R. Duder), L. Cottrell, 10-11-0 ...... K. [illegible]
23 0000-04 Pep (E. Moreland), M. Tate, 6-11-0 ...... R. [illegible]
24 3240p4 Sharmy Syke (G. Severn), M. James, 8-11-0 ......
25 40-0003 Teme Bess (Mrs M. Horton), P. Horton, 9-11-0 Mr [illegible]
29 1p0043 King Shaw (J. Beasley), P. Cundell, 5-10-[illegible] .. R. [illegible]
30 00-00 Tartan Eve (R. Scandrett), J. Edwards, 5-10-4 ......
31 000 Tricosa (T. Staddon), W. Williams, 5-10-[illegible] .... Mr [illegible]
4-5 Adulation, 9-2 Laurel Branch, 6-1 Stepson, 8-1 Mini Prince, 10-1 Mysticus, 14-1 others.

4.15 NIMROD STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £559: 3m[illegible])
2 21004- Air General (M. Thorne), Thorne, 7-12-0 ......
3 00022- Ballysnatray (J. Priday), Priday, 9-12-0 ......
5 f4p- Ben Ruler (M. Thorne), Thorne, 9-12-0 ......
6 Denby (J. Joseph), Joseph, 11-12-0 ......
7 144p00- Hatty Ben (Lord Mostyn), Lord Mostyn, 9-12-0 Mr R. [illegible]
8 20- His Last (J. Mahon), Mahon, 8-12-0 ......
9 2p00f0- Indian Red (P. Mann), W. Mann, 11-12-0 ......
10 20- Mighty Red (A. Carr), G. Carr, 10-12-0 ......
11 00pp/p- Miserable Jim (R. Mildmay-White), Mildmay-White, [illegible]
12 01f0- My Way II (CD) (C. McDonagh), McDonagh, [illegible]
14 Persian Bandit (Mrs S. Hutchings), H. Payne, 10-1[illegible]
15 0- Prospect Road (Miss E. Chard), Miss Chard, 10-1[illegible]
17 a30000- Satanta (A. Jones), Jones, [illegible]
19 Wembdon Hill (Mrs V. Cole), Cole, [illegible]
4-1 Persian Bandit, 9-2 Air General, 6-1 Indian Red, 6-1 Ben Ruler, 8-1 Mighty Red, 10-1 Ballysnatray, 12-1 Miserable Jim, 14-1 M[illegible], 16-1 others.

Stratford-on-Avon selections

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1.15 Hemmings. 1.45 Glendale. 2.15 Grand Canyon. 2.4[5 Tingle] Creek. 3.15 Yasou. 3.45 Adulation. 4.15 Mighty Red.

Sedgefield results

1.15 (1.18) CROFT HURDLE (Handicap: £272: 3m)
Lord Street, gr h, by Cash and Courage—Grey Fashion (S. Nesbitt) 6-9-7 ...... P. Salmon (7-2 fav) 1
Chippingham, gr m, by Cunningham—Whinstone Chip (D. Aaron) 8-9-7 ...... Mr G. Kersey (25-1) 2
Pub Crawl, br h, by Road House II—Olovaldis (J. Vickers), 7-10-10 .... J. Mooney (13-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Kertoskol, 7-1 Sherry's Dancer, 15-8 Young Katie, 8-1 Newenden Boy (f), 10-1 Fair Doos, Kenpak, 12-1 Got-A-Star, 16-1 Bright Cap (4th), 33-1 Throstle Nest, Whirling Louse, Washington Girl, Cloudy Boy, Frutica, Little Glory, Dixie David. 18 ran.
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 14p, £1.85, 29p. 65p. S. Nesbitt at Ripon. 2½l, 4l. Winner bought in for 510 guineas.

1.45 (1.47) PETERLEE HURDLE (Div I: part I: novices: £372: 2½m)
Enrico Melo ch c, by David Jack—Bag of Buncs (H. Zeisel), 4-10-7 ...... D. Munro (8-15 fav) 1
Dryburn, gr g, by New Brig—ped unknown (W. Walton) 5-11-6 ...... P. Broderick (20-1) 2
Shalimar, b g, by Royal Pennant—Morpeth (Mrs W. Parker), 6-11-5 ...... B. Powell (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 15-8 Frank the Yank (4th), 9-1 Delanto, 10-1 Palace, 12-1 Mauritarano, 14-7 Superintendent (p), 33-1 Blusepid (p), Jolly King, Lea Manor (p). 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 22p; places, 19p, 43p, 29p. K. Payne, at Middleham. 3l, 5l.

2.15 (2.17) MAINSFORTH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £476: 2m)
Fidler on the Hoof, br g, by Even Money—Fight Fair (H. Zeisel), 7-10-1 .. C. Tinkler (7-4 fav) 1
High Mark, b h, by High Hat—Marking Ink (Capt J. Mawson), 6-10-0 ...... P. Mangan (6-1) 2
Fine Fellow, br g, by Bargello—Gortean (Mr L. Raine), 7-10-0 ...... N. Tinkler (100-30) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Suspender (u), 11-1 Wylam Boy (4th), 20-1 Gorawood. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 14p, 27p; Forecast, £1.75. J. K. Oliver at Hawick. 4l, 2l.

2.45 (2.47) KIRK MERRINGTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £669: 3m 350yd)
Salmo Lady, b m, by Salmon King—Fletcham Lady (G. Lamb), 8-10-0 R. Lamb (11-4 jt fav) 1
Supermaster, b g, by Boun Prince—Slice (Mr R. Walter) 13-11-2 ...... T. Stack (11-4 jt fav) 2
Half Hooked, b g, by Hook Money—Marie do Medici (J. Burkett), 10-10-9 .... B. Fletcher (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Little Swift (p), 7-1 Clarino (u), 12-1 Sure Jumper, 30-1 Right Gossip, Roman Law (p), Canonbie Key (4th). 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 49p; places, 17p, 11p, 30p; dual forecast, 49p. G. R. Lamb, at Seahouses. 8l, 1½l. Mr Pippins did not run.

3.15 (3.17) HETTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £408: 2m)
Milloy, b g, by Milan—Mel's Toy (J. McNeill), 6-11-0 ...... F. Lowy (15-8 fav) 1
Kalrosa, br m, by Kalydon—Mond de Furnival (W Cdr P. Stead), 7-11-0 ...... D. Greaves (13-1) 2
The Barron, ch g, by Kadir Cup—dam not read (T. Barron), 6-11-0 ...... B. Fletcher (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 1-1 Crackerjack Cross (f), 5-1 Burgh Cassidy (4th), [illegible] Smallton, 16-1 King Ross, 20-1 Swanland (u), Whispering Grass, 33-1 Rolus (u), Swanky Guide (p), Tudor Cracker (ro). 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 16p; places, 12p, 51p, 17p. G. Richards, at Greystoke. 1½l, 6l.

3.45 (3.48) PETERLEE HURDLE (Novices: Div II: £372: 2½m)
Gold Yarn, b g, by Goldhill—Merry Yarn (R. Murphy), 4-10-7 ...... R. F. Davies (10-1) 1
Philimont, gr f, by Philemon—[illegible]
Nickican (M. Ramsden), [illegible] J. Hector [illegible]
Naivacha, ch g, by Laser [illegible]—Spirit (C. Tattersall), [illegible] K. Gray [illegible]
ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Pet[illegible], 10-1 Royal and R[illegible], Willow Beck, 33-1 Grecian [illegible], Louis, Oscar, Pergamon, Boadina VI, Three Oaks, Rambler, Clyde Valley, Hall[illegible], Iotka, Plainsman, Some Fell. [illegible] ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.30; places [illegible] R. Murphy, at Well[illegible]. 10l.

4.15 (4.20) PETERLEE HURDLE (Div I: part II: novices: £[illegible])
Anotherwire, b m, by Cap[illegible]—Wire In (G. Hemilson), [illegible] Mr P. Grand[illegible]
Double Fault, b m, by Prince [illegible]—Suspension (J. Walton) [illegible] K. Barr[illegible]
Free Girl, b m, by Free Boy [illegible] (D. Hall), 6-11-8 ...... M. Dickinson
TOTE: Win, 49p; places, [illegible]; dual forecast, [illegible] son, at Jedburgh. [illegible] Forge did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Fidler on the Hoof and Milloy, £5.50. TREBLE: [illegible] Milloy, Salmo Lady and [illegible] £50.05.

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Griggs, sec... retary general of the Building Societies Association, said yesterday that the drop in the MLR would have no effect on mortgages for the time being.

The Government is clearly anxious that interest rates should come down as much as possible to encourage capital investment and thus provide employment. The recent very successful programme of Government bond sales to finance the huge Budget deficit has given the Chancellor more room for manoeuvre and allowed greater priority to be given to boosting private sector demand for credit.

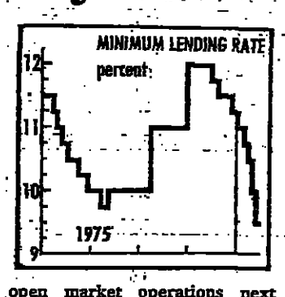
Indeed, the Bank of England has felt able to permit the Government bond market to experience two weeks without a "tap" stock—that is a stock that is fed to the market from the Government Broker's official portfolio to finance the excess of public spending over tax receipts and excise duties.

Without a "tap" to act as a drag on the market, yields have fallen markedly. However, yesterday, a new "tap" stock was announced, which is almost certain to apply a brake to the decline in yields and other interest rates.

This stock amounts to some £600m. It is a second tranche of the Treasury 12½ per cent 1993 and will be issued at a price of £95¼ per £100 nominal.

The price at which the stock was pitched suggested that the authorities' aim was only to reduce the rate of the decline in interest rates and not arrest it altogether.

This intention was also reflected in another move yesterday when it was learnt that the Bank would not fully "follow the rate down" in its



open market operations next week. This means that official help will be rather more expensive than would be normally consistent with the new ruling level of money market rates.

All of this was being interpreted as a signal that no further interest rate reductions would be acceptable to the authorities in the short-term.

Before any such further reductions can take place the Bank will have to be satisfied that it is not eroding to far the premium of British rates over those in other financial centres, particularly New York.

This differential has already been reduced from a historically high 5 per cent last autumn to about 3¼ per cent now. If the differential went much below 3 per cent it might provoke the withdrawal of funds from London.

Analysts have been saying in recent days that the recent drop in United States interest rates may now have come close to an end.

Meanwhile, according to Consolidated Loans Fund and National Loans Fund figures published by the Treasury yesterday the expected January surplus of revenue over Government spending was less than in the same month last year.

Revenue was 27 per cent up on a year ago, but expenditure was 12 per cent up. As January is the main tax-gathering month, this could suggest that the final carter of this financial year will see a further deficit on he National Loans Fund.

In fact, deficit in all four quarters o 1975-76 would repeat the pttern of 1974-75, but depart frm the traditional trend. Revnue usually exceeds Government spending in the

Christopher Wilkins writes: The only srprise about the cut in base rats from 10 to 9½ per cent was hat the banks, led by Barclay, should have chosen to move i the morning before it was clea how much MLR was going to dop.

There were, however, plenty of grounds to suppose that MLR would dro in the light of the substantia fall in short-term interest rtes during the past week. Th three month interbank rat for instance, has fallen by half a point over the previous week, while the 7-day interbank ate—an all-important one for th clearing banks—has come dom by no less than a full point.

Borrowing demand from the clearing banks during recent months has been at a sufficiently low level that there is considerable reluctance to allow bas rates to remain above competitive short term money market rtes, for fear that some of the bigger corporate customers might switch their borrowing requirement away from the banks.

Maritime cancels £120m options for tankers from Swan Hunter

By Peter Hill

Options on £120m worth of shipbuilding orders held by the Swan Hunter Group have been cancelled. The cancellations of nine out of 13 options on tankers placed by Maritime Fruit Carriers, a company owned jointly by Britain's largest shipbuilder and the crisis-hit Israeli-American Shipping Company, have been expected for some days.

But Swan Hunter stressed last night that this posed no "immediate threat to jobs". The potential employment threat has been cushioned by a Ministry of Defence contract on work related to the Royal Navy's new throughdeck cruiser which will complement an order placed two weeks ago with the Tyneside group for a Type 42 destroyer.

MFC is facing serious financial difficulties, and its new top management—appointed after a boardroom shake-up last weekend, is attempting to formulate a rescue package.

The company has failed to meet a bank debt of about £12m, and a further £7.5m is owing to its supply and service creditors. Maritime's involvement with the order-starved British shipbuilding industry dates back to 1973 when MFC formed Swan Maritime with Swan Hunter. The shipping group has a 75 per cent stake in the joint company with the balance held by Swan Hunter.

This joint company contracted, ordered or took options on 25 ships with the Swan Hunter Group. The first 13 are already being built and 12 of them have been sold to other owners—some of them Russian—through a Cayman Islands subsidiary.

MFC also has firm orders which are backed by British Government guarantees and mortgages worth an estimated £130m with the Belfast group of Harland & Wolff and the Lower Clyde group of Scott Lithgow.

The immediate problem over the second batch of orders with Swan Hunter arises from the gross oversupply of tanker tonnage in the world market.

Swan Hunter employs about 24,000 workers, about 12,000 of whom are directly affected by the MFC orders and options. Union leaders have become increasingly concerned in recent weeks over the impact of any withdrawal by MFC from the options it held with the Tyneside group.

MFC's own difficulties became apparent towards the end of last year, and Swan Hunter gave advance warning to the Government last autumn of the employment implications of any cancellation.

The Ministry of Defence involvement has clearly been produced as a contingency measure to alleviate the immediate threat to job prospects and shop stewards last night appeared satisfied with the assurances given by the company's management.

This contract is designed to familiarize the Swan Hunter Group with the work required on a throughdeck cruiser and is seen as the preliminary to a future order for a ship of this type.

It looks, therefore, as though the group will pick up a contract for one of these ships, worth about £80m.

£1.14m bid by Ladbroke Group for Totalisators

By Our Financial Staff

Ladbroke Group, the gambling and leisure organization, is bidding £1.14m for Toralisators and Greyhound Holdings, Britain's second-largest greyhound track operator.

Ladbroke has agreed to buy Estates House Investment Trust's 40.840 per cent share stake in Totalisators for £553,000.

A cash offer of 15p a share will shortly be released through Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, to holders of the remaining Totalisators shares.

Estates House, the holding company formed last year merging the residue of the late Sir Denys Lowson's financial empire, has been in talks for several weeks with Ladbroke about its holding.

The sale is in line with Estates House policy to dispose of "unsuitable holdings".

Mr Isadore Kerman, Totalisators' chairman, feels that the 15p-a-share cash offer, 2p above the pre-bid market price, is "probably a fair price". Because the purchase of Estates House's stake already gives Ladbroke near control of Totalisators, Mr Kerman considers that the takeover is now a fait accompli.

Mr Cyril Stein, Ladbroke's chairman, sees the move as a logical extension of the group's existing racing interests. It is already the country's largest sponsor of greyhound racing and the Totalisators' bid will give Ladbroke control of six stadiums in Newcastle upon Tyne, Crayford, Gosforth, Leeds, Wolverhampton and Willenhall.

More than 700 greyhound race meetings are held each year at Totalisators' tracks, with attendance figures of more than 750,000. The company turned in pre-tax profits of £290,000 in its last financial year to December, 1974, on a turnover of £1.6m.

Mr Stein does not dismiss the longer-term possibility of acquiring one or more of the stadiums run by GRA Property Trust, which is currently hit by liquidity problems on its property side, and runs the country's largest group of greyhound stadiums.

FNFC loses £83.2m after big write-off

By Our Financial Staff

First National Finance Corporation lost £83.2m in its 10-month financial period to the end of October.

The loss was struck after total provisions of £110.6m against the secondary bank's investments, loans and advances, which more than wiped out the £27.4m trading profit made during the year.

The extent of the write-offs is particularly heavy compared with the previous 12-month financial period to the end of 1974, when they were around a third of last year's total.

But this latest substantial figure was not entirely surprising given that the group disclosed interim provisions of £91.4m and a group loss of £75.4m.

Mr Maurice Denton, managing director of FNFC, was hopeful yesterday that the group had now provided for the bulk of its potential losses, although with the continuing malaise in the property market, a key area for FNFC, there was still room for caution.

Mr Denton disclosed that FNFC's dependence on the Bank of England's lifeboat committee funds—running at £360m a year ago, was now below £300m after the release of some £55m special deposits following the group's change in banking status at the time of its December reorganization.

FNFC's financial year-end has been altered from December to October so that its support fund members can be informed, in advance of their own year ends, whether or not the group intends to pay interest on its loans.

Meanwhile, it is unclear why there has been no formal notification of resignations from the seven unspecified FNFC main board directors who were said at the group's annual shareholders' meeting early last month to be leaving.

Gas-cooled reactors join grid

By Roger Vielvoye

Britain's first two advanced gas-cooled nuclear reactors are now tuned into the national electricity distribution grid and during the next five months will build up to full power.

The 660 megawatt reactors at the Hinkley Point B station in Somerset and at Hunterston B in Ayrshire have fed steam into similar sized turbine generators so they could be synchronized and tuned to the same frequency as the power in the grid.

Synchronization at the two stations went smoothly and quickly, unlike the overall AGR design and construction programme which is at least four years behind schedule. As a result the Central Electricity Generating Board's four station AGR programme is likely to cost more than £880m compared with the original budget of £418m.

Despite the long delays and budget overruns, the cost of power produced from the AGR stations is expected to be competitive with electricity from the first generation of Magnox nuclear stations and the more efficient oil and coal burning conventional generating units.

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Lloyds announces £74m rights issue

By Christopher Wilkins

Lloyds Bank yesterday announced the biggest rights issue since British Petroleum raised £123m in October 1971. The bank is asking shareholders to put up £74m by buying one share for every four they already hold.

At the same time Lloyds revealed that it had made a pre-tax profit last year of £95.5m, an increase of 27 per cent on the previous year's £74.9m. The 1974 profits had, however, been depressed by foreign exchange losses, bad debt provisions and extra pension fund contributions. Not counting these items, there was actually a sharp fall in operating profits in 1975. The bank has not found it necessary to make any further provisions.

A big fund-raising exercise has been expected from a clearing bank for several months. Midland Bank raised £52m by means of a rights issue last March, but despite this it has been suggested in the stock market that all the "big four" were in need of new capital.

It has been argued that the growth in the deposits and loans of the clearing banks has been outstripping the growth in their capital bases as a result of profit retentions, and that it was becoming increasingly desirable for them to correct the imbalance by raising new equity.

In Lloyds' case, there has been no feeling of urgency, despite the sharp drop in profitability in 1974, partly as a result of the £28.5m Lugano foreign exchange loss. But it was felt that sooner or later new capital would be desirable and that by coming to the market while the circumstances were still favourable, the bank would be left well poised for at least the next two or three years.

It is clear that one factor in the timing of the issue was a desire not to raise funds during the year when the accounts showed the Lugano loss, to avoid any suspicion that Lloyds had been forced into an issue as a direct result of the loss.

The new shares are being issued at 210p, which represents a 20 per cent discount on the price before the issue was announced. After the announcement, the shares fell by 3p to 260p, but this was a smaller fall than both Midland and Barclays saw. Lloyds is forecasting a 1976 dividend of not less than 1975's 11.4p gross.

US dumping acrylic sheet, ICI claims

ICI Plastics division has applied to the Department of Trade for anti-dumping duties on imports of acrylic sheet from the United States. ICI is the largest manufacturer of acrylic sheet in Britain.

Last night an ICI spokesman said that the Americans were dumping "several hundred tonnes" of sheet on the United Kingdom market.

ICI said last night that there was no question of a supplies shortage on the home market.

Inspectors for Data Investments inquiry

Two inspectors were yesterday appointed under the provisions of Section 165(b) of the Companies Act 1948 by Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, to investigate the affairs of Data Investments and Vivella. Data, an investment and cash associate of Central Provinces Manganese Ore, itself acquired last year by The Estates & Agency Company, arranged to buy a 50 per cent stake in Veeraswamy's Restaurant in Regent Street, London, from Vivella at the end of 1973. The other 50 per cent was to be bought from Lyneham Investments. The inspectors are Mr Peter Millett, QC, and Mr Ian MacDonald Bowie chartered accountant.

UK wins Korean order

The United Kingdom instrument industry has broken into the Korean market, dominated up to now by United States and Japanese companies, with a £2.4m order for Seoul National University. More than 70 companies are supplying equipment to the education and science division of Associated British Machine Tool Makers (ABMTM), which will supply the package to the university.

Lira rally continues

The lira rallied yesterday for the third straight day in trading between banks and on the black market, reducing to less than 10 per cent its losses in the two weeks since Italian foreign exchange markets were closed.

Its strength was attributed to the possibility that a new government might be formed soon.

Drop in American jobless boosts recovery hopes

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Feb 6

Unemployment fell sharply in the United States last month, with total employment continuing to rise at a strong pace.

The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment fell in January to 7.8 per cent from 8.3 per cent, representing a reduction of 450,000, while total employment rose by 800,000.

The Department of Labour stated that 7.3 million people were now registered as unemployed, representing a fall of 770,000 since last October. A White House spokesman said the Administration was "extremely encouraged" by the latest figures.

Total employment, the Department of Labour reported, now stood at 86.2 million, representing a rise of 2.1 million since its low point last March.

Mr Julius Shiskin, Commissioner of Labour Statistics, told the joint economic committee of Congress today that the fall in unemployment was widespread.

The new figures will reinforce the Administration's contention that the economic recovery is now proceeding at a healthy rate and that unemployment will decline significantly this year.

While Mr Shiskin could present an encouraging report to the joint economic committee today, a much bleaker outlook was put forward to the same committee by professor Walter Heller, of the University of Minnesota.

Dr Heller, who is a former chairman of the Council for Economic Advisers, said that committee by Professor Walter "full acceptance of President Ford's Budget proposals would hit the economy with a sickening thud later in 1976.

Newman advice cleared

An independent report by Schroders, the City merchant bank, has concluded that it was "not unreasonable" for the board of Newman Industries to recommend to shareholders the controversial deal involving Thomas Poole & Gladstone China.

Schroders was called in after growing opposition to the proposed deal last July. The culmination of the proposals was that Mr Alan Bartlett, Newman's chairman, won shareholder support at an extraordinary meeting for part of a package involving the purchase by Newman of certain investments and liabilities from TPG.

A second part of the package, which would have involved Newman buying 19.8 per cent of TPG from Strongpoint, a private company controlled by Mr Bartlett and Newman's vice-chairman, Mr J. K. Laughton, is not now to go ahead.

As a result of the opposition, this second proposal was postponed so that "advice could be taken". Newman said last night that "in view of the passage of time since the intent and recent developments" the proposal will now be dropped.

Arrangements are therefore being made to end an option agreement under which Newman was given the right to buy the TPG shares from Strongpoint. A loan made by Newman to Strongpoint is being repaid.

Mr Angus Murray, a non-executive director who opposed the deals, has resigned.

Culham query for Mr Benn

By Our Political Staff

Mr John Biffen, the Conservative spokesman on energy, yesterday called for a clear statement from Mr Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy, on the virtues of Britain's Culham laboratories, near Oxford, as the site for the Joint European Torus project, compared with the rival Culham site.

He said there was a vital meeting of the European Council of Ministers on February 24 to discuss the research project, which involves the peaceful use of nuclear fusion.

There was a preponderance of scientific opinion in the United Kingdom which believed any EEC research project into nuclear fusion should be sited

Increase in OECD price rises slows

Paris, Feb 6.—Consumer prices in the 24-nation Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), slowed their increase to 9.2 per cent in 1975, compared with a rise of 10.6 per cent in 1974, it was announced yesterday.

The OECD said the improvement was partly because of moderately favourable seasonal factors, less unfavourable short-run food price movements as well as the postponement of controlled price increases in some countries.

In December, prices rose at an overall average of 0.5 per cent, down from 0.6 per cent in November and 0.3 per cent in October. The deceleration of price rises (to about 8 per cent over the last quarter of last year) was mainly the result of three factors, the OECD said.

It cited the sharp fall and subsequent stabilization of industrial materials prices, the absorption of the 1973-74 oil price increases, and a marked moderation of the pricing behaviour of manufacturers. Food prices had a less unfavourable effect than between 1973-74.

Countries with the worst inflation records would have to suppress cost-push inflation and avoid any upsurge as they entered a sustained recovery if the OECD area's price performance was to improve further, it added.

Among the member countries, Germany, Switzerland and Denmark had the lowest inflation at an annual rate over the 12 months ending last December, with 5.4 per cent, 3.4 per cent and 4.3 per cent respectively. The highest rates were: Iceland with 43.6 per cent, Britain with 24.9 per cent and Turkey with 18.1 per cent.

Optimism over pay policy by engineering chief

By Clifford Webb

Another large body of engineering companies yesterday revealed that its members would probably support a percentage increase in wages when the present £6 a week flat rate policy expires in August.

Mr Richard Perry, president of the West Midlands Engineering Employers' Association, and a senior executive at Leyland Cars, said at the association's annual meeting in Birmingham that there were clear signs a percentage increase was also finding favour with the unions.

He added: "I would have put money on the unions' rejecting out of hand a second year of restraint on pay by the Government. It is even more remarkable because it now seems likely that the policy will move away from a flat rate increase to a percentage increase, and the resulting increase

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Lord Ryder clash with Rolls-Royce board

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the nationalized Rolls-Royce company several years ago.

This laid down assurances that Sir Kenneth's board "should as far as possible operate as though it were the board of a privately-owned company established under the Companies Acts, and it is not the Government's intention as sole shareholder to concern itself with the day-to-day running of the company or to diminish in any way the responsibility of the board for the conduct of the company's affairs".

Lord Ryder's team is understood to take the view that this deal was negotiated with the previous Government, since which time Parliament has created the NEB with a specific duty to monitor the performance of any companies transferred into its ownership.

It is feared by Lord Ryder's critics that the NEB will regard any majority shareholdings on its books as subsidiaries and subject to its sanctions and approvals.

Both the Prime Minister and Mr Varley have apparently been informed about the strength of feeling within Rolls-Royce and the threat to Lord Ryder's future relationship with its directors.

The worry in Whitehall is that with any major concession that weakens the NEB's hand in controlling investments, Lord Ryder may feel his own position become untenable in discharging his duties as set out in the Industry Act 1975.

Lord Ryder is known as a tough negotiator, as indicated by a behind-the-scenes tussle with the Government itself over the valuations of state shareholdings.

These valuations are critical as they determine the size of the NEB's commencing debt, which might prevent him from earning the reasonable returns he has promised in many speeches.

The NEB chairman has already refused to take part in the rescue and monitoring of the Government's involvement in Chrysler UK, though briefly consulted for his views on the deal.

He has said that any companies under the NEB's wing will be subject to stringent surveillance. They would have to produce full annual plans and targets, and be quizzed on every aspect.

MPs are growing increasingly puzzled about the delay in publishing draft guidelines for Commons scrutiny on how Mr Varley will direct Lord Ryder to operate his board. It had been expected they would be published in November, but yesterday the Department of Industry seemed to have no clear idea when they will appear—it may not be for weeks.

This can be taken as an indication that Mr Varley has to take some fundamental decisions with some bearing on the row now surfacing into public view. He has to steer a delicate course, given the Government's commitment to the enterprise board and the fact that the TUC has made representations on a consultative document now circulating among interested parties.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 169.91 —1.03
The FT index: 407.7 —2.3

Rises

Allen H. & Ross	10p to 480p	Lane, P. Grp	1p to 17p
BP	5p to 535p	Ldn Merch Sec	4p to 46p
Brit Sugar	5p to 355p	Manch Liners	5p to 210p
Dowty Group	5p to 105p	Mercantile Con	10p to 160p
Gerrard & Nat.	5p to 305p	MFI Whouse	2½p to 41p
Harmony	5p to 455p	Morris & Blaker	6p to 54p
Hill, C., Bristol	5p to 130p	SA Land	10p to 150p

Falls

Barclays Bank	6p to 330p	Mount Lyall	5p to 90p
Charter Cons	10p to 152p	Regional	5p to 45p
Crest Nicholson	4½p to 38p	Sheil	4p to 384p
GEC	3p to 156p	Standard Chart	7p to 478p
Hong K & Shang	16p to 347p	Swire Pacific 'A'	5p to 140p
Jardine M'son	18p to 432p	Utd News	6p to 259p
Johnson Matt	7p to 363p	Unilever	3p to 454p

Equities recovered from the big Lloyds Bank rights issue.
Gilt-edged securities saw a new "long tap".
Sterling lost 10 pts to $2.0270. The "effective devaluation" rate was 30.2 per cent.

Gold rose $2 an ounce to $130.75.
SDR-5 was 1.17213 while SDR-6 was 0.577148.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1212.2 (previous 1213.0).
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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.67	1.61
Austria Sch	38.75	36.25
Belgium Fr	53.75	39.75
Canada $	2.05	2.01
Denmark Kr	12.50	12.40
Finland Mk	8.50	7.75
France Fr	9.75	8.95
German. Dm	5.55	5.15
Greece Dr	50.00	45.00
Hongkong $	19.70	19.00
Italy Lr	1640.00	1590.00
Japan Yn	655.00	630.00
Netherlands Gld	5.45	5.25
Norway Kr	11.30	11.15
Portugal Esc	69.00	60.00
S Africa Rd	2.25	2.03
Spain Pes	125.50	120.00
Sweden Kr	9.05	8.75
Switzerland Fr	5.35	5.15
US $	2.07	2.01
Yugoslavia Dnr	43.50	37.00

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PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Fixed interest

Minimum lending rate is down again, by another half point to 9½ per cent: and the gilt-edged market went weak at the knees after the news. Why?

It had something to do with the new "tap" stock issued by the Government Broker—it is in fact not new but a second tranche of the existing Treasury 12½ per cent 1993. Stock worth £600m is to be issued at an opening price of £95¼.

The market read into the decision not to issue a new stock a Bank of England indication that the scope had run out for further falls in interest rates.

So although the publication of fairly favourable Consolidated Fund statistics (they show a revers on to the normal government surplus in Jnuary, the height of the tax gathering seson) late yesterday afternoon may impart litt.e enthusiasm on Monday morning, it is ikely to be muted. And unless American int.est rates ease off again it looks as though mt of the fun in the gilt-edged market is ove

Why it pays to tax your brains before you buy

By courtesy of an obliging broker I recently received a list of British Government stocks now in issue, with the return to investors at various tax rates worked out and attached. And I must admit that I read this seemingly innocuous document with a mounting sense of incredulity.

Everyone knows that with tax taking up to 98p in the pound on some unearned income the element of capital gain in the return on government stock can be very well worth having; but I had known it as one knows, say, that a man-eating tiger is dangerous: the knowledge acquires a new dimension when you are close enough to count its teeth.

Just as in such circumstances the oldest piece of discarded weaponry assumes desirable attributes, so, in the presence of the equally voracious tax man, the attractions of a tax-free gain are manifold. The brokers establish their weight by calculating what an alternative investment would have to offer gross in capital growth and income—the "equivalent gross redemption yield" in common parlance—to provide the same net return to individual taxpayers. In the case of a high taxpayer, prepared to hold his gilt for more than a year and a day to avoid taxation on any capital gain, the answer is a heck of a lot.

Take, for instance, Funding 5¾ per cent 1987-91, at present standing at about £59 for a gross redemption yield (so your paper will tell you) of around 12 per cent: modest enough, in all conscience. Yet the man paying tax at 98p in the pound would, to obtain an equivalent net return in the period to redemption on an alternative investment, have to go looking for something which offered him a gross redemption yield of over 177 per cent.

There are other examples which are better still. For the top-rate taxpayer the goodies available on an investment in British Transport 3 per cent 1978-88 at around £50¼—at which level, remember, he stands to make a tax-free capital gain of almost 100 per cent over the period to redemption—could be matched only by an alternative investment on a gross redemption yield of more than 280 per cent.

To lower-rate taxpayers the tax-free element of capital gain is worth less, but it can still be significant. Anyone paying 83 pence in the pound would require an investment selling on a gross redemption yield of more than 36.5 per cent to compete with the attractions of British Transport 3 per cent; and that cannot at the moment be provided by any other government stock.

The investor paying 60 pence in the pound, however, and requiring an equivalent gross redemption yield of more than 17¼ per cent to provide him with a better net return than that available on the same stock should be able to get it from a purchase of either British Gas 3 per cent 1990-95 or Redemption 3 per cent 1986-96.

For the basic rate taxpayer, requiring an equivalent gross redemption yield of more than 12.6 per cent to compete with the merits of "Transport 3s", there are any number of stocks—admittedly of longer dates—which will provide a better net return overall and higher income in the meantime, too.

With returns to the individual varying so widely, then, according to his tax rate, how is he to determine between the merits of two stocks selling on much the same redemption yield? Well, the basic rule still holds: the higher your tax rate the lower the coupon you should be looking for—for the simple reason that much more of the return is coming through in capital gain.

The investor paying 83p in the pound and planning to hold to redemption might, for example, be dithering between the advantages of Treasury 12 per cent 1993 and those of Gas 3 per cent 1990-95, both of which are selling on a gross redemption yield of about 11.4 per cent. The former, however, is selling at over par, and there will be a capital loss on a holding to redemption. So an alternative investment offering a gross redemption yield of little over 6 per cent will, to such a taxpayer, have superior attractions, whereas, as we have seen, the net return on British Gas, which will appreciate by the best part of 200 per cent over the period to redemption, cannot be outstripped by any investment selling on a gross redemption yield of much under 37 per cent.

Adrienne Gleeson

Slow off the mark to lower rates

As interest rates continue to slide downwards, it is time to consider the more inflexible investment vehicles which are being left stranded on a high income rate plateau.

Building society investment rates and the terms offered by National Savings are two very good examples of institutions which are unable to move rapidly to catch up with an interest rate trend. (It takes, incidentally, at least four months from deciding to change National Savings rates to having the products with new rates on sale across the Post Office counter.)

My colleague Adrienne Gleeson has, in the accompanying article, outlined the possibilities for the more sophisticated investor and drawn attention to the importance of a gross equivalent redemption yield. Not everyone, however, wishes to become embroiled in the complexities of the gilt-edged market and this article is designed for the investor/saver who wishes to lock his money away safely and forget about it until maturity.

However, even the most reluctant investor has to give attention to his own tax rate—and a glance at the table shows why. Using the net return as a yardstick it is easy to see that fairly simple investments are varyingly attractive to taxpayers at different rates.

Two points stick out. Building society shares or term shares—where the money is locked away for a stipulated period—are marvellous for the basic rate taxpayer. But they lack lustre for not only low or nil rate taxpayers but also for people at higher rates of tax.

NET RETURNS TO TAXPAYERS

Tax rate	nil	35%	45%	55%
	%	%	%	%
On demand				
Bank deposit	5.5	3.58	3.02	2.48
Nat Savings Bank	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Building soc share	7.0	7.0	5.9	4.84
*Investment a/c TSBs and Nat Savings Bank	6.0-9.5	3.9-6.17	3.3-5.23	2.7-4.27
One year				
Local authority loan	10.75	7.0	5.92	4.84
Building soc term shares	7.5	7.5	6.33	5.18
Two years				
Local authority loan	12.00	7.8	6.6	5.4
Building soc term shared	7.75	7.75	6.55	5.35
AMEV bond	8.54	8.54	8.54	8.54
Three years				
Local authority loan	12.25	7.95	6.75	5.52
Building society	8.00	8.00	6.77	5.54
Four years				
14th issue Nat savings certificates	7.59	7.59	7.59	7.59
Local authority loans	12.5	8.13	6.88	5.62

* Demand varying between 7 days and 3 months.

In the former category, the returns being offered by local authorities for amounts as little as £250, although £500 is a more common minimum, are much more attractive.

Higher rate taxpayers, however, should always have their eyes open for tax-free investments. Even the frequently despised National Savings Bank account offering 4 per cent tax-free on the first £1,000 invested begins to look reasonably attractive to higher rate taxpayers, particularly those who are subject to the investment income surcharge.

The 14th issue of National Savings Certificates—the current issue for all below-pensionable age—is worth more than a second glance. It depends on how you view interest rates in the future. My own opinion is that this particular issue is likely to outstrip the return on building societies—the principal competitor—for some time.

In the first place building society rates could fall—indeed ought to fall, some would say.

The outright winner on the table is the AMEV bond. I have included this offering from the subsidiary of one of the leading Dutch insurance offices because it reflects the opportunities which from time to time occur. The British subsidiary is young and has an advantageous tax position and is passing some of the benefits on to policyholders.

The bonds are linked to local authority loans, which have already been bought at higher rates than are at present available. What is more the rate is fixed, unlike building society term deposits or shares which are, in fact, governed by the recommended share rate. The AMEV issue is limited to £200,000 in total.

Margaret Stone

Linked life policies • Women and pensions

I wholeheartedly support the view expressed by David Lewis, the editor of *Money Management*, in his introduction to the group's latest publication *Regular Savings Plans* (price £3.85). He attacks regular savings plans as being unnecessarily complicated adding that "complication and poor value-for-money are not in fact coincidental".

There is a case, maintains Mr Lewis, for saying that all investment-linked policies should have a common structure, regulated by law. He himself prefers the less rigid approach that companies should be compelled to work out projections according to some standard formula, which would thereby enable investors to make meaningful comparisons between one policy and another.

In fact, the *Money Management* guidebook does perform this most useful exercise. It has worked on a common growth rate and devised an average monthly investment, as well as adjusting for the differing levels of charges.

On its calculations the National Westminster Sunflower plan is the best performer for those with a modest amount to invest each month, while Windsor Life and Trident do better for larger monthly premiums.

There is more to buying a policy, however, than merely selecting one with the best projected growth record. The book, therefore, gives a list of plus and minus factors which should influence the choice of prospective policyholders.

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The latest offering from the Company Pensions Information Centre is a booklet *Pensions for Women*. It contains a brief summary of the position of women both as prospective pensioners in their own right and as dependants, covered or not by their husbands' pension scheme.

I am glad to see the appearance of this booklet, but one could wish that CPIC had been a little more provocative by prompting women to ask not only what their rights are, but also what their rights should be.

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Most motor insurers try to avoid students. But Endsleigh Insurances (Brokers) is owned by the National Union of Students. It sells to students and tries to keep them on the books as they grow older, and become better risks. Of its 40,000 motor policyholders, only one third actually are students.

Endsleigh has arranged a "simplified" form of motor insurance with Federation Mutual Insurance. Policies run for only six months. Instead of renewing, a fresh proposal form is completed and a fresh policy is issued. Change of car or address do not affect the premium while a policy is in force, and no returns of premium are allowed.

There are only three geographical rating areas, and five categories for different types of car. Premiums are loaded according to age (for those under 25) and the excess for accidental damage varies according to the age of the driver and where the accident occurs—it is £25 if it occurs in London or Glasgow postal areas, or Northern Ireland.

Often, because of the simplification in rating, NUS members and those who have been members (for whom the scheme is designed) can calculate their own premiums and compare them against what is available elsewhere.

Instead of a no-claim discount, there is a discount for those insured under the scheme continuously for two or more years, irrespective of the odd claim.

● *Any company which rates risks without the same distinctions as the rest of the market is open to "selection" against it. Those offered higher terms elsewhere will come to it; the others (who are considered by insurers to be better risks) will not. Thus claims experience can be worse than expected.*

Do not simply double this premium to compare with an annual policy elsewhere. The second six months' premium may well be significantly higher than the first six monthly policy.

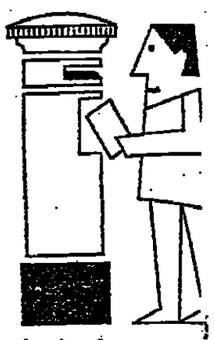
"Flexible" endowment policies, where guaranteed cash plus bonuses can be taken at any time before the age of 65, provided the policy has been running for at least 10 years, are becoming increasingly popular. But they can present investment problems for life companies.

Sun Life Assurance is following the Scottish Amicable by introducing a new bonus structure for new policies of this type. Initially, instead of a normal £4.30 per cent, it will be £3.50 per cent, plus £5.50 per cent of attaching bonuses. So it pays to keep a policy in force as long as possible—which is what the office wants.

● *Very roughly, if these rates are maintained, the new bonus structure will pay less if a policy is cashed in the first 25 years or so, and more if it is held for longer.*

Taxation: readers ask

Age allowances and capital transfers



In view of the cumulation of readers' letters I am answering a few again this week and the inquiries cover age allowance, capital transfer tax, capital gains tax and mortgage interest.

● On age allowance a reader tells me that he calculated his income for the year ended April 5, 1976, to be just below £3,000, which would entitle him to the full allowance of £1,425 on his notice of coding. His figures submitted to the tax office totalled £2,967 and included building society interest received of £700. He tells me: "The inspector wrote saying that they had to gross up the building society interest at 33 per cent making it £1,044 and the total income £3,311 so that I should only be entitled to marginal relief. The point might interest your readers.

"I cannot fault the inspector's logic as the building society interest is paid free of tax. However, it has made me wonder if it might be more sensible for me to take out, say half of my savings and use it as a deposit to buy a flat. Can you please tell me if an owner-occupied flat or house would be brought into the calculation on the basis of the notional income it brings in? Of course, there are other considerations involved, but the tax relief is material."

First let me make the point, otherwise my readers will, that the building society interest should be grossed up at 35 per cent for 1975-76 (the first year of the new age allowance scheme).

This grossing up of building society interest catches many taxpayers unawares. For the basic rate taxpayer there is no additional tax to pay, but the grossing up affects total income for age allowance, as in this particular case. It also involves additional tax for those liable to the investment income surcharge and the higher rates of tax.

At the other end of the income scale it may not be wise for those on low incomes to invest in building societies as the tax deducted at source is not repayable. It can be used to reduce the total tax bill but the Inland Revenue will not physically repay the tax.

As this reader does not own a house what he proposes is in principle a good idea. There is no question of the Inland Revenue including a notional income from the owner-occupation of a flat or house. It would be a different matter, of course, if the owner let out a room or two and received rent. The rent, less certain expenses, would be included in income.

● In one of my articles on capital transfer tax I looked at the rule concerning free loans in the light of the exemptions. A reader writes: "Assuming a loan of £10,000 from a father to son, you have suggested that the Inland Revenue might take the market value of the gift at 15 per cent, that is £1,500. It may be that that sort of rate is obtainable, but as the question is by how much my standard of living has been reduced, it seems to me that one has to deal with the facts of the particular case.

"Most of my spendable unearned income is in building societies at 7 per cent net, or a shade less, say 6 per cent after deducting higher rate tax. Surely therefore my st of living has been reduc only £600?"

There are two se issues here—first, the m for CTT purposes of t terest forgone on the fre and secondly whether deemed interest will es CTT charge under the tions. Section 41 of Finance Act 1975 measu amount of interest deen be a gift as the differen tween the amount of con tion (if any) and the deration *that could reas be expected*.

This section has not put to the test yet bec does not come into forc April 6 this year, and case it is to be re because its impact is far than was originally int However, I take this r point and would hope t monies are withdrawn f building society specifica the purpose of makin loan, the Inland Revenu accept the building socie as being the considerati could reasonably be ex But the measure will rate before tax.

Having measured the a of interest for CTT the tion then arises, is it ex It may escape under £1,000, and £100 rules or the normal expenditure

It would seem that the will apply if there is a of regularity about the d gift (a longish loan as o to a short-term) and th lender is left with suf income to maintain his standard of living.

● When writing about t ting of rooms I mentione on the sale of the capital gains tax may payable because of ro relief and retirement tion. A reader says: " clear that the 'roll-over' was available to all those their home for various ty business and professions. I was not clear abou whether anyone carryi another activity, for ex writing books and would be able to claim from CGT up to £20,000 — ing the house without another after he had the age of 65."

Provided that individu been working for 10 ye that activity then, yes, opinion the retirement tion can be claimed ir circumstances. The piece of legislation is 34 Finance Act 1965.

Once the individual i the age of 60 exemption claimed at the rate of for each year over th until the maximum of is reached at 63.

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4. **The rate of inflation is anticipated to be reduced** to below 6% p.a. within eighteen months.

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Boardroom decisions as the spirit moves

My elder son has developed a new passion for Greek. He spends much of his time immersed in the histories of Herodotus, regaling us with details of the curious practices of the Persians at the time of Cyrus the Great.

There is perhaps something to be learnt from the curious practices of the Persians at the time of Cyrus the Great. Cyrus the Great organized the Persians into a machine of formidable efficiency, a feat not to be sneezed at by a nation where, if the cost of postage is increased so that the number of letters posted declines by 17 per cent, the obvious answer is to increase the cost of postage yet again.

But what was the secret of their success, these Persians? Browsing through Herodotus for the answer, I suddenly struck a vein of pure logic that immediately laid clear the foundation upon which the whole empire was built. It was this.

If an important decision was to be made, they would discuss the question when they were drunk, and then the master of the household where the discussion was held would resubmit the decision for reconsideration to the meeting when sober. If it was approved it would be adopted, and if not it would be abandoned. Conversely, any resolution made by a meeting when sober would be reconsidered afterwards when drunk, its adoption or abandonment being decided in similar manner.

The simplicity is breathtaking. It may of course have led to some inflexibility, which could possibly account for the fact that the laws of the Medes and Persians were never changed. However, as demonstrated, the system obviously worked. Here we sit in our technological slums, dreaming up newer and more complex management tools to run our affairs with, when all the time this antique but wildly effective methodology has been staring us in the face. As is so often the case, though our old friend, Colonel Rudolph Grogg-Bevington, famed student of the classics and chairman of Allied Elderberry Wines Limited, has got there first.



"Minutes of the 985th meeting of the board of directors of Elderberry Wines Ltd, held at Room 504, Hotel Mardi Gras, Rio de Janeiro, on Monday, January 19, 1976."

Minutes of the 984th meeting of the board of directors of Allied Elderberry Wines Limited, held at Elderberry House, Dartmoor, Devonshire on Wednesday, January 14, 1976.

Present: Col Rudolph Grogg-Bevington (in the chair);
Lord Trite of Cricklewood;
Sir Harry Half-Staggers;
Mr Samuel de Fame;
Mr Silas Crampwhistle.
In attendance: Mr Alistair Sibling (secretary);
Miss Gloria Darling-Friend (assistant secretary).

1. Minutes.
Minutes of the 983rd meeting of directors held at Elderberry House on Wednesday December 17, 1975, were read and approved.

2. Staff Appointment.
The chairman congratulated Miss Gloria Darling-Friend on her promotion from chairman's personal assistant to the position of assistant secretary to the company. Two bottles of Elderberry 1968 were tabled and considered. On the motion of the chairman, it was resolved:
"That a toast be and it is hereby drunk to the happiness and success of Miss Gloria Darling-Friend in her position as assistant secretary to the company."

3. Production Report.
The production report for the month of December was tabled, together with two bottles of the product. It was noted that the specific gravity was somewhat lower than customary due to the fact that a carboy of methylated spirits had fallen by mistake into the berry-fuddling machinery. The relative merits of methylated spirits and pink paraffin as a colouring agent were discussed, and it was resolved:
"That another two bottles of the December production be and they are hereby tabled for optical and other tests."
Optical and other tests having been carried out, it was agreed that the December production should be relabelled and marketed as a slug killer. (Mr Silas Crampwhistle left the meeting.)

4. Marketing and Sales.
The marketing and sales report for the month of December was tabled and considered together with the launch review for the Dandelion-Flower 1972. Three bottles of the Dandelion-Flower 1972 were noted. Lord Trite of Cricklewood reported that suddenly everything seemed to have gone all black. It was resolved:
"That Lord Trite of Cricklewood be and he is hereby absent from the meeting."
(Lord Trite of Cricklewood left the meeting).

5. Stock.
The stock report was tabled and approved together with three bottles of Ginger-and-Marrow Non-Vintage. General satisfaction was expressed as to both the quantity and the quality of the stock concerned, and it was resolved:
"That general satisfaction be and it is hereby expressed as to both the quantity and the quality of the stock concerned."
(Mr Samuel de Fame left the meeting).

6. Appointment of Director.
There being a quorum directors, it was resolve
"That Miss Gloria Friend be and she is appointed a director company."
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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

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There seems no reason for the market to change direction, unless Thursday brings any hint of reflation when the Government announces its plans to boost jobs.

Lonrho has had a tumultuous history and looks set to continue to capture the headlines, what with Mr Tiny Rowland's desire to change the domicile of the company, the large Arab shareholdings and the report from the Department of Trade hovering somewhere in the background. Nevertheless, Lonrho has a brilliant growth record.

Sales have risen from £4m in 1961 to £606m last year, while profits during the same period rose from £160,000 to £63.31m; in the last five years alone sales have more than trebled while pre-tax profits have increased more than four-fold. Meanwhile, earnings have gone from 0.57p a share in 1961 to 24.02p last year.

As Lonrho has expanded, so mining has become of decreasing importance, although last year this was partly owing to low metal prices, when the proportion of pre-tax profits dropped from 12.6 per cent to 7.5 per cent. Textiles, too, have had a declining weight while agriculture and motor vehicles have added much greater importance, now jointly accounting for more than half the total pre-tax profits.

Investors attracted by a company with something of a mercantile reputation and prepared therefore to take risks, Lonrho looks like an excellent and lofty exciting share to hold. Its current price is 124p, while the yield is 4.7 per cent.

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The Ninian field, described by stockbrokers Wood Mackenzie as having attractive-looking commercial potential, subject to the drilling of more appraisal wells, could be a different matter, however, as the operator is the Pan Ocean oil group and there are no oil majors involved.

Hamilton Oil, with partners such as Hamilton Bros Oil, Rio Tinto-Zinc, Blackfriars Oil and Trans-European, is operator for the Bruce and Crawford fields and here again the question of who will provide financing looks a more open one.

These are fairly minor fields and of the big ones, parts of Ninian remain to be financed although Burmah's share will almost certainly be financed by the British National Oil Corporation, via a takeover of Burmah's stake, and the Ranger Group is believed to be negotiating finance through a Royal Bank of Canada syndicate. Tricentrol has yet to finance its share of Thistle but will almost certainly do it through bank finance backed by government guarantees.

Perhaps the most likely prospect for some direct investor participation is the Buchan field where Trans-World Petroleum is the operator and where interestingly, in view of Morgan Grenfell's part in the LSMO/SCOT public issue, that merchant bank organized one of the partners in the field, Gas & Oil Acreage.

The investor should, however, be prepared to examine each North Sea investment opportunity very carefully for its merits, as the banks will do, and should not infer anything about future issues from the success of LSMO/SCOT's for Ninian. On the other hand he should not assume that because Occidental/Thomson appear to have secured a cheaper financing package by going through the bank borrowing route that other North Sea groups will necessarily prefer or be able to do it that way.

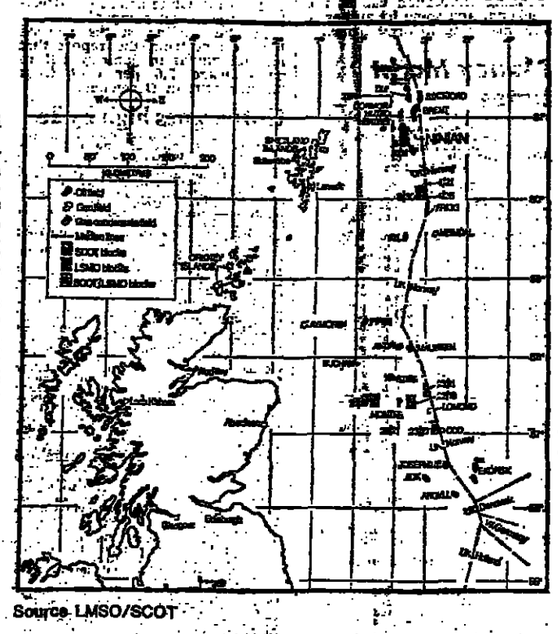
LSMO/SCOT would almost certainly have preferred bank financing had it been available on the right terms and they are having to give away more by way of servicing their novel Oil Production Stock than, say, Occidental or Thomson are giving to the lending banks by way of royalty.

This, however, applies only if the price of oil stays at about its present level, a proviso which raises the whole question of whether the investor can expect a substantial capital gain from a package such as this. The more wealthy, who are likely to go for this sort of investment anyway, arguably ought to be looking for capital gains rather than high income in view of their tax position. Investment institutions are in a different position over tax and that probably explains why they so willingly underwrote the LSMO/SCOT issues.

Bankers will say that the North Sea is "no place for the small investor" and that only the banks are equipped to appraise the prospects and risks thoroughly. Morgan Grenfell and Cazenove's ingenious package for LSMO/SCOT might prove them to be not always right, but certainly there is a case for caution and professional advice.

Alternatively, there are safe, albeit diluted, blue chip routes, such as BP or Shell, into the North Sea and it is generally acknowledged among investment analysts that the Thomson Organization has very good prospective earnings benefits to come from the Piper and Claymore fields.

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Source: LMSO/SCOT

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By extending bonds it was hoped to preserve that happy situation for the future since basic rate tax (as well as higher rate tax) is payable in connexion with any bond of the same type arranged after the March, 1974, budget.

The Royal has had to retract after the Inland Revenue said that guaranteed growth bonds and income bonds arranged before March 26, 1974, constituted "transparent tax avoidance devices" which the Finance Act 1975 was designed to stop. The Inland Revenue has stressed that it disapproved strongly of any proposal to perpetuate the tax avoidance benefits of existing bonds by extending their life-span.

The Revenue has made it plain that any such scheme which may be put into operation will be subjected to vigorous examination, with a view to its being contended, if at all possible, that the scheme comes within the relevant provisions of the Finance Act 1975.

Clearly, there is the risk that, having given that warning, should the Inland Revenue fail in its contention, it may ask for legislation to be introduced, and it could be retrospective.

While Royal Insurance has pointed out the position to its bondholders, Trident Life appears to be hoping for the best. This week it was still offering extensions to income bond holders. Its method is to extend the deferred annuity for two, three or four years.

The bondholder is asked for a further cheque now for the increase in the deferred annuities cash option over the term of the extension. This new payment is used to buy a term annuity so as to provide an income, with the deferred annuity growing sufficiently to repay at the end of the term this supplementary investment as well as the original investment.

All the cash now needed can be raised by a partial withdrawal, subject to some higher rate tax being payable.

Trident Life says that it is mainly those who bought the larger bonds who are extending. These bondholders could be in for a shock in view of the Revenue's threat.

Save and Prosper and M & G, both of whom sold a large volume of bonds, are offering alternative contracts. The latter is offering an annuity-based bond (on the new tax basis), reinsured with a company whose annuity fund is in a favourable position for this class of business.

●Still on the subject of the approaching maturity of many income and growth bonds a reader has asked:

"I have a five-year growth annuity bond maturing shortly to yield spot cash or an annuity. I appreciate that if I take the cash, I must pay higher rate tax calculated under the provisions for top slicing relief.

"Am I right in thinking, however, that if I elect to take the annuity option, I am not liable for the higher rate of tax on his particular transaction?"

The higher rate tax provisions on the capital appreciation will not apply if the annuity rather than cash option is taken, but there are other points to consider. As the tax-free content of the annuity is based on the original purchase price of the policy, the taxable content of the annuity is comparatively high. This taxable element is taxed at the individual's rate for investment income. Despite first appearances it might well be more tax advantageous to take the cash and purchase an immediate annuity.

John Drummond

Stock markets

Cheaper money cushions the Lloyds rights

Dismayed at first by the £74m cash-call from Lloyds Bank, the London stock market was quick to recover its poise yesterday.

By the time another half-point cut in the Minimum Lending Rate was announced, leading shares already had a much firmer look, brought about in part by lower base rates from the four clearers.

The FT Index had lost 4.7 by mid-morning but by the close had cut this back to 2.3 for a final figure of 407.7. This represents a loss of 9.7 over the week, but an advance of 7.9 over the two-week account.

The announcement of a new "long tap" stock yesterday had the affect of dissolving some of the uncertainty that has existed in the Government bond market in the past two weeks.

Prices, which had shown an advance at one stage during the session, closed generally lower on the day. Long-dated stocks managed to recover from an early fall, but ended with fresh losses of up to ¼ point after the announcement of the issue of £600m of Treasury 12¼ per cent 1993 "A", which is to be offered at £95¼.

Although the stock was pitched a little above the existing prices of comparable stocks, most dealers thought that the new "tap" would inevitably apply a brake to the market's recent advance. However, the late falls were generally described as "defensive". "Shorts" ended ¼ to ¾ point lower.

Dealers suggested that prices in this sector looked relatively cheap and still permitted some scope for the market to advance further.

With much interest centred on the banks, Lloyds, where the rights was accompanied by earlier-than-expected results, managed to pare earlier losses to close 3p off to 260p. But Barclays, off 6p to 330p, and Midland, 4p to 298p, fared worse while National Westminster managed to finish just a penny ahead at 264p.

The weakest spot of all, though, was provided by Hong Kong & Shanghai where unfavourable Far Eastern advices had the shares down by no less than 16p to 347p.

Though much firmer than in early trading, the "Blue chips" were never quite able to regain their overnight levels with ICI, down 2p to 381p, Fisons 3p to 400p, Beechams 3p to 350p and Unilever 2p to 454p being typical.

Decca "A" came back a couple of points to 254p, shading the 12p loss of the previous session which came after a warning on full-year profits. Felixstowe Dock, still a centre of interest after the European Ferries announcement, ended at an unchanged 146p after profit-taking had taken the shares rather lower at one point.

In buildings, Costain seemed comparatively unperturbed by Lonrho's sale of its stake to the Arabs and ended a penny firmer at 216p. But other building shares were weaker, notably Marley, down 3p to 102p, and the cement shares, APCM 2p to 180p, Rugby 2p to 77p and Tunnel a penny to 197p.

After bid terms from Ladbroke, Totalisators & Greyhound edged ahead to 154p while the shares at John Michael slumped from 12p to 2p at one stage, only to recover to 5p. Market men said it was a case of finding a trading level after recent reported trading experience and the company itself said that after two bad years things were now looking brighter.

There were also rumours on the insurance pitch where General Accident, subdued at 181p, were said to be close to a money-raising operation. A spokesman for the company said no fund-raising arrangements have been made.

Other insurance shares were largely in retreat, though Commercial Union 149p and Phoenix 240p, both put on 2p and resisted the general trend.

Oils were a mixed market and BP added 5p to 588p. But in contrast Shell eased 4p to 384p. A higher metal price spurred gold shares where gains were 6p to 50p.

In response to profit statements, Crest Nicholson lost 4½p to 38p, Hairis Lebus was a firm spot, rising 5p to 54p, Blackman & Conrad were unchanged at 20p and George Dew traded firmly at 106p.

Properties were a dull pitch though the base rate cuts tended to firm prices. Top names like MEPC, English Property and Haslemere ended two or three points down.

News of the new Government stock left gilts easier after hours. Leading equities tended easier though movements were small and in banks Lloyds was the only mover, shedding another couple of pence. Agreed bid terms from HTV, unchanged at 583p, boosted Frost & Reed 8p to 145p.

Equity turnover on January 5 was £79.59m (18,749 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks yesterday were ICI, Burmah Oil, British American Tobacco, Midland Bank, Lloyds Bank, Barclays Bank, BP, Turner & Newall, Dunlop, British Leyland, John Brown and Boots.

Manbre & Garton, easier at 147p, is said to be thinking of challenging British Sugar Corporation's monopoly of United Kingdom beet production. An application to operate on Merseyside is possible. But under existing rules, Manbre would be limited to 5 per cent of total production. The BSC report, due on Monday, may have something to say.

As chief executive, Mr J. R. Mayhew-Sanders deals with the return on assets employed at John Brown, there has been talk that the company is planning to sell its 16.4 per cent stake in Westland Aircraft. Westland's own financial advisor, Schroder Wagg, has apparently been educating institutional investors on the group's merits. John Brown's chairman, Lord Aberconway, had "no comment" to make.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev. Year
Beaumont Props (25p) Fin	1.73	1.51	25/3	2.86	2.68
Blackman & Conrad (5p) Fin	0.95	0.86	29/4	1.57	1.45
Centreway (10p) Int	0.88	0.88	—	—	1.82
Comalco Fin	1.5*	3.75*	—	2.75*	6.5*
Crest Nicholson (10p) Fin	1.64	2.03	—	2.27	2.66
Coronet Inds Fin	0.35	0.35	—	0.35	0.35
G. Dew (25p) Fin	2.89	2.56	29/3	4.52	4.23
Gold Fields S.A.	75*	75*	17/3	—	225*
Glasgow Stockhldrs (25p) Fin	1.35	1.92	—	2.85	2.8
Kinloch (25p) Fin	4.08	3.67	26/4	5.7	5.35
Lloyds Bank (£1) Fin	4.02	3.76	2/4	7.39	6.93
Longton Transport (25p) Int	0.8	0.79	1/4	—	2.87
Harris Lebus (25p) Fin	2.93	2.00	—	2.93	2.00
Malit Securities (50p) Fin	0.4	0.2	3/3	0.75	0.76
Steinberg Gp (10p) Int	—	0.32	7/4	—	0.85

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Cents a share.

Kinloch holds line steady to top £2m

Tighter margins held back "Wavy Line" group Kinloch (Provision Merchants) in the first half year but things went better in the second six months to October 25. So the group made another record for the 10th year running.

Sales advanced 25 per cent to £86.4m, and pre-tax profits climbed 11 per cent to top £2m for the first time at £2.09m. In the first six months sales rose 25 per cent and profits 7 per cent. Profits included £173,000 against £180,000 from interest received and £174,000 compared with £162,000 of income from the Maidstone property development. Net profits climbed from £893,000 to £967,000. The total payout goes up from 8.15p gross to 8.78p.

Wholesale trading with retail and catering accounts were well maintained, as were cash-and-carry sales. In the preceding 12 months the pattern was a 14 per cent first half increase in profits, but only 7 per cent in the second six months, leaving profits for the year 11 per cent ahead at £1.89m.

Mr Frank Birch became chairman and managing director last October, after the former chairman, Sir Robert Bellinger, was appointed president.

AIP sells a further £10m of property

Since the annual meeting in November, Amalgamated Investment & Property has sold an extra £10.8m of properties, and yet more sales are in hand. The arrangements with the banks have been concluded satisfactorily for the current year, and talks for the subsequent period are continuing.

Mr Jessel Harrison has been advised that he must reduce his commitments and is therefore resigning as chairman and as a director. He will continue as managing director and executive chairman of Slimma Group.

Mr Peter Olsberg takes over the chair at AIP. Also, Mr H. Denton, aged 70, is resigning for family reasons.

G. Dew margins good

The margins of G. Dew, the civil engineering to stone-masonry group widened from 8.9 per cent to 9.1 per cent in the year to October 31. Pre-tax profits went up 7.4 per cent to a record £1.27m on turnover of £13.9m, against £13.1m. The dividend duly goes up from 6.32p gross to 6.96p.

At half-time profits were 17.6 per cent ahead at £400,000 but the second half saw only a 3.3 per cent rise in profits to £872,000. Even so, Dew still seems to be going forward. The workload is "satisfactory" and bigger than at this time last year.

HTV sets sights on Frost & Reed

The long-awaited diversification move by HTV, the independent television contractor for Wales and the West of England, comes as an agreed bid, worth £1.87m, for fine art dealer and publisher Frost & Reed (Holdings). F & R has among its galleries one in new Bond Street, London.

The offer equivalent a share at 151½p compares with F & R's price, of 145p, up 8p on the news. HTV already holds some 360,000 (28.9 per cent) of the F & R equity.

The terms are one non voting ordinary share of HTV and 244p cash for every two F & R ordinary, besides an all-cash alternative of 145p for each F & R share.

The HTV board believes that F & R is a logical acquisition while the F & R directors declare that the two companies can work together to mutual advantage. On the offer going unconditional, HTV will buy the 14,0000 F & R preference shares at 30p a share.

For its part, the F & R directors have given irrevocable undertakings to accept for its own beneficial holdings of 18.9 per cent or 234,000 shares. They unanimously recommend acceptance.

SE brokers pull out

The two-partner London stockbroking firm of Arthur Woods and Co is to cease trading from March 19. A notice posted in the Stock Exchange states that after the cessation Mr A. K. Andrews will become associated with Raphael, Robinson and Glyn. All outstanding obligations will be settled by Messrs A. K. Andrew and D. W. Cosshall at the firm's offices.

H. & L. Para Rubber in big profit slump

The net profits of Highlands and Lowlands Para Rubber, now domiciled in Malaysia, are estimated to have slumped from $M23.8m to $M13.7m (£2.6m) in 1975. The estimate comes from Highlands and Lowlands BHD in a statement for its application for a listing on the Kuala Lumpur stock exchange of the issued share capital of $M148.7m 50 cent shares. The application follows the reconstruction of HL-Para and its wholly owned United Kingdom subsidiaries. These are now in voluntary liquidation. HL BHD assumed all their assets and liabilities.

Crest Nicholson rides high

A return to the black on the property side, hoisted the pre-tax profits of Crest Nicholson by 30 per cent to £905,000 in the year to October 31. The previous set of accounts covered a 15-month period and profits were struck after charging exceptional losses of £558,000.

The Middlesex-based property and leisure group says that property contributed £300,000 and there was no need for any write-down of land (£500,000 the year before). Borrowings were slashed by £3m to £1.6m, with property accounting for the cutback.

The board reckons that interim profits are likely to be down on last year's £422,000, but it forecasts higher profits for the full year. Turnover slipped £1m to £20.8m, and earnings a share from 3.01p to 2.94p. The final dividend is 2.52p, the most allowed. The total payout is 3.49p against 4.09p for 15 months.

Footwear losses batter Steinberg

Big losses in footwear sent the pre-tax profits of Steinberg Group, the Milton Keynes-based clothing and handbag concern, crashing 96 per cent to £15,000 in the first six months to September 30. The footwear losses, brought on by recession and foreign competition led the group to close the division in mid-September. After terminal costs of £52,000, attributable losses were £48,000, against a profit of £145,000 the year before.

The group is traditionally a winter-earner and the hot summer did not help. The board reports that the bag division is now trading profitably. It forecasts a tough second half but it is optimistic about 1976-77. Turnover rose from £6m to £7.4m. Happily, the interim dividend is 0.49p, again even though earnings a share tumbled from 1.42p to 0.02p.

SOREC LTD

Interim dividend cut to 3.25c (against 4.35c). Profit before tax for half to December 31, R1.5m (R1.8m). Results reflect poor climate facing property developers in South Africa. Second half will reflect further decline; earnings required for extra financing costs.

Optimism at Lebus after big rebound

By Ashley Druker

The latest proof of prosperity in furniture comes from Harris Lebus. It did a lot better in the second half of the year to October 31, and the shares responded with a rise of 5p to 54p.

The group made £105,000 before tax in the first-half year, and £204,000 in the second half. So the full year saw a rebound from only £20,000 to £309,000.

In 1973-74 demand for furniture fell with a bump with credit restrictions largely to blame.

Earnings a share recovered from a loss of 0.2p to 14.4p. There was no tax charge on profits because of past losses.

The year's dividend is boosted from 2.9p gross to 4.5p. The Treasury has allowed this under its "recovery" rules.

Even more encouraging, the current year has got off to a good start, and the company has the capacity to meet a growing demand. This, Mr D. Lebus, chairman, says should burgeon as the economy shows signs of revival.

Lonrho buying more shares in cash rich trust

Lonrho has paid the equivalent of £246,824 for a further 5.9 per cent stake in SPR Investments, taking its holding to 29.5 per cent.

The additional 236,967 shares were bought from Kingside Investment in exchange for 199,052 Lonrho shares. At yesterday's price of 124p they were worth £246,824, valuing SPR, an investment trust, at £4.4m or £1.10 a share. This compares with Thursday's price for SPR of 81p a share.

A spokesman for Kingside said it still kept about 70,000 shares in SPR but Lonrho had not wanted to buy them. If Lonrho had, it would have triggered off a mandatory bid.

Mr Alan Ball, executive deputy chairman of Lonrho and chairman of SPR, commented: "We (Lonrho) intend to expand and we regard SPR as a vehicle." Among SPR's other directors are Mr Tiny Rowland, chief executive of Lonrho, and Mr Fred Butcher, another Lonrho director. SPR is apparently cash rich.

Rhone-Poulenc closes 1975 with £88m loss

Against board estimates in November that Rhone-Poulenc, the leading French chemical group, would lose between 1,000m and 1,200m francs in 1975, the group has in fact lost only 800m francs (£88m), but this went against a profit of 1,001m for 1974. Turnover is estimated to have declined to 17,700m francs, (20,351m).

Group indebtedness rose in 1975 by 1,900m francs to 7,500m. The second half did not produce the improvement expected, November's figures being "mediocre". Costs continued to rise and selling prices to fall in most sectors until recent months.

Only 70 per cent of capacity was used on average in 1975, and volume output dropped further than the 13 per cent fall in turnover. Investments for 1976 will be studied in March—only the most essential items were carried through in 1975.

Dunbee bids for Quaker Oats' toy offshoots

Dunbee-Combex-Marx, the London-based toys to toiletries group, has swiftly bid for part of the loss-making Marx Toys division of Quaker Oats, the American food, chemical and toy giant. DCM would not disclose the amount of the bid, but confirmed it was interested in buying Marx's United States and Hongkong operations, to complement its United Kingdom Marx company bought in 1967.

Yesterday, Quaker Oats said it was negotiating with "several companies" to sell its Marx Toys operations in the United States, Canada and Hongkong. These operations had depressed earnings for several years, it said. It stated, however, that it would keep its 56 per cent holding in Marx Toys, Mexico.

In 1972, Quaker Oats paid Mr Louis Marx £20m for the business, which made a £1.2 operating loss last year.

THE WOODMILL PROPERTY GROUP LIMITED

The unaudited results for the six months ended March 31st 1975 were:

	1975 £	1974 £
Group loss before tax	215,942	(104,738)
Estimated Corporation Tax	Nil	54,464
	215,942	(50,274)

The trading loss for the half year to March 31st 1975 includes rolled up bank interest (net) of £170,000. The Directors do not recommend the payment of any interim dividend.

In October 1975 the Group issued £200,000 Unsecured Loan Stock 1980 (unquoted) carrying no interest for the first year and thereafter at a rate of 13% per annum payable in arrears, the first payment of interest therefore being due on 31st March 1977. This Stock has been issued to a non-associated company in settlement of the balance of the debt due to them resulting from the disposal of land at Dyce, Aberdeenshire.

The Directors are grateful for the continued support of the Group's bankers during this difficult trading period and an early meeting is anticipated with all the banks, following which a further statement will be made to shareholders on the Company's future prospects. Over the past six months a number of banks have been considering development and refurbishment schemes involving their own security and the outcome of these negotiations will materially affect the Company's net asset position.

The Directors are making every effort to dispose of completed developments and the division dealing with residential properties and shops continues to trade profitably.

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Medium and Income funds (progress this year ...e years). Unitholder index: 1,807.8; rise from ...7%.

...offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 ...; over three years: −7.9%.

A	B			
138.4	−7.7	Nelstar	54.5	−1.8
109.0	−23.6	Target Professional	54.4	−9.4
99.4	−18.1	Barbican	54.3	−19.4
86.7	−25.9	Allied Growth & Inc	54.2	−6.1
78.1	7.4	Allied Capital	54.0	−5.9
78.0	—	Pearl Unit Trust	53.8	−5.5
76.1	−9.0	Alben Trust	53.0	−14.3
73.6	−3.7	Great Winchester M	52.7	−38.8
73.5	—	Abbey General	52.4	−12.6
72.9	5.2	Emblem Fund F	52.4	−31.6
72.5	12.1	Lloyds Bank Second	51.9	−7.9
70.1	−12.8	National West Growth	51.7	11.6
70.0	6.7	Mutual 'Blue Chip'	51.6	−1.9
69.3	8.1	Carliol F	51.3	−3.8
69.1	33.9	Crescent Reserves	50.8	−11.8
68.5	−6.0	Cabot F	50.5	−18.2
67.0	—	SW Hundred	50.2	−1.0
64.7	−1.8	London Wall Strong	49.3	−7.5
64.3	−5.0	Allied Electrical Ind	49.2	−5.7
63.0	—	Target Thistle	49.1	−3.7
62.9	−0.2	Quadrant F	48.7	12.9
62.2	—	SW Growth	48.1	24.9
61.0	−6.3	G and A	47.8	−6.5
60.8	−3.5	Kleinwort Benson F	47.7	2.5
60.8	−2.2	Stewart British	47.6	—
60.4	−7.9	Allied BIF Second	47.5	−1.2
60.1	8.8	Unicorn '500'	47.0	−8.3
59.9	38.2	Wickmoor	46.8	—
59.8	−34.7	Henderson Inc Assets	46.6	−3.0
59.7	—	Target Equity	46.5	−19.0
58.9	6.6	Unicorn General	46.1	−14.6
58.8	−12.7	SW Security First	46.1	−12.0
58.4	−6.6	Merlin	46.1	−10.3
57.9	9.6	Marlborough	45.4	12.7
57.8	−6.3	Bishopsgate Prog F	44.7	−21.7
57.6	—	Brown Shipley	43.9	7.6
57.2	−16.5	Allied First	43.8	−0.8
57.2	−11.2	S & P Scotshares	43.5	−16.6
56.7	−10.2	M & G General	43.2	0.9
56.6	−9.7	SW Century	42.9	−9.0
56.3	−3.0	M & G Sec General	42.4	−4.3
56.0	−27.6	London Wall Capital	42.0	−10.4
55.9	−11.5	SW Consolidated	41.9	4.3
55.9	6.3	Oceanic Growth	41.7	−36.7
55.3	—	Prolific	41.3	6.6
		SW Domestic	40.1	−31.9
		Abacus Giants	39.8	−14.5
		M & G Clyde Gen	38.5	−18.6
		Buckingham	38.5	9.9
		SW Invest General	37.6	−25.5
		Shenley	37.1	—
		Barclaytrust Invest	36.7	—
		Gartmore British	36.7	—
		Sebag Capital	36.6	—
		Lawson Scottish	36.5	—
		Archway Capital F	36.4	−29.0
		Oceanic General	35.7	−35.5
		Minster	34.7	−33.4
		Family Fund	32.6	−3.1
		SW Provident	32.0	−22.7
		SW Invest Second	31.2	−24.4
		Key Private	29.8	−26.1
		L & C International	29.7	−10.0
		Private Portfolio	29.2	−46.3
		SW Commercial	27.7	−16.9
		SW General	25.2	−34.9
		Glen Fund	22.2	−28.7
		SW Shamrock	18.1	−33.4
		Jascor Sect Leads	15.1	−27.3
		Portfolio Growth	13.0	−47.4
		SW Capital Growth	12.2	−39.4
		Cosmopolitan Growth	11.7	−54.1
		Piccadilly Inc/Grow	10.6	−13.7

INCOME	A	B
Tyndall Income	100.4	−14.0
Schroder Income F	93.0	14.1
Tyndall Natcom Inc F	88.3	−7.9
S & P Ebor High Ret	86.5	12.3
M & G Extra Yield	86.3	—
Framlington Income	85.6	18.1
Hill Samuel Income	78.9	33.4
Allied Equity Income	78.2	−2.4
Gartmore Income	75.3	20.8
S & P Ebor Sel Inc F	74.7	4.5
Alben Income	73.5	22.6
S & P Scot Income	73.2	−2.5
M & G Dividend	73.1	14.5
Allied Ham High Yld	70.0	—
Hill Samuel High Yd	69.6	−2.9
S & P High Yield	66.4	14.4
Prolific High Inc	66.1	—
Unicorn Extra Income	65.9	11.6
M & G Clyde High Inc	65.9	23.5
Unicorn Income	65.4	2.2
Abbey Income	65.3	—
Crescent High Distr	64.0	3.1
Lloyds Bank Third	63.9	7.1
S & P Income	63.8	12.3
Gartmore High Inc	62.9	—
National West Inc	62.3	6.9
Archway Income F	61.2	−1.0
London Wall High Inc	59.2	1.3
Pearl Income	57.9	−3.3
Hambro Income	56.8	−1.3
Target Income	56.3	7.0
S & P Scotyields	56.2	2.4
Henderson High Inc	56.0	8.4
Charterhouse Income	54.6	−4.2
Mutual Income	54.2	1.6
British Life Dividend	53.6	−11.8
Mutual High Yield	53.6	28.3
Canlife Income	52.8	—
Sebag Income	51.5	—
Allied High Income	48.7	3.8
Merlin High Yield	48.6	7.1
Midland Drayton Inc	47.5	8.9
SW High Income	46.2	13.6
Arbuthnot Income	45.2	−2.9
Key Income	45.0	−11.8
New Court Income	44.7	—
Bridge Tallaman Inc	44.3	−5.9
G.T. Income	43.8	—
Brandts Income	43.1	−3.3
SW Nat High Income	42.7	0.1
Ionian Income M	41.2	−9.0
Oceanic High Income	38.1	−15.8
Royal Trust Inc	36.6	—
Lawson High Yield	36.1	—
SW Income	36.0	−7.1
Trident Income	29.0	−19.7
Piccadilly Extra Inc	28.1	−15.3
SW Britannia High In	28.0	—
SW Extra Income	25.8	−15.2

A: Change over one year to bid, net income reinvested.
B: Change over three years offer to bid, net income reinvested. Both taken to February 5, 1976.
M: Trust valued monthly.
F: Trust valued every two weeks.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Steel slump, inflation strike hard at B. H. Prop

Broken Hill Proprietary's net profits slumped 47 per cent from A$60.9m to A$32m in the six months to the end of last November. A "collapse" in steel export prices and inflation were to blame.

The steel division turned in a loss of A$26.7m compared with a profit of $22.2m. This reflected "the severe downturn in both export and domestic demand for steel products coupled with the collapse of export prices".

The company also points out that it has taken inflation into account in arriving at the fixed asset utilization charge, with the result that replacement values of fixed assets have been increased by 21 per cent. If the effects of inflation had been stripped out, net profits would have fallen by only 12 per cent, rather than 47 per cent.

The minerals side of the business saw a profit drop of nearly $3m to $12m, while the petroleum section increased net profits slightly to $39m.

LASMO, SCOT oil stock allotments

Details of the allotment of £75.75m in loan stocks and Oil Production Stocks (OPS) offered by London & Scottish Marine Oil (LASMO) and of Scottish Canadian Oil & Transportation (SCOT) disclose that over 90 per cent of the applications from the public for the loan stocks will be met in full. Applications from the underwriters have been allotted in full, in accordance with the terms of the issue.

The £19.2m of LASMO loan stock available to the public attracted applications for £26,964,000, with £1.92m of the OPS meeting applications for £9,474,748. The £5.9m of SCOT stock available found applications for £10,421,900 and the £590,000 of OPS, applications for £4,721,729.

Applicants for up to £15,000 of the LASMO stock were granted in full, those above £16,000 receiving 60 per cent of application with a minimum of £15,000 loan stock.

In the case of SCOT, up to £3,000 was allotted in full and applicants for between £3,500 and £25,000 received 60 per cent with a minimum of £3,000 stock. Above £26,000, received 40 per cent with a minimum of £15,000 stock.

Applicants for loan stock who also applied for OPS were allotted units of OPS applied for to a maximum of 10 units for every £100 of loan stock.

Gold Fields of SA holding interim

Pre-tax profits at Gold Fields of South Africa, in which London based Consolidated Gold Fields has a 49 per cent stake, fell by 15.6 per cent from R23.7m to R20m in the six months to the end of December. However, the interim dividend has been maintained at 75 cents.

Income from investments remained static at R21m, but a loss of R2.5m, compared with a profit of R2.4m, was made on the realization of investments.

While the book value of investments has increased by some R30m to R112m, the excess in Stock Exchange value over book worth has fallen from R636.8m to R424.2m.

Comalco drops $A10m

A $A10m drop in pre-tax profits $A17.8m (£11m) in 1975 is reported by Comalco, the Melbourne based aluminium producer and investment manager. After lower tax, but a $2m increase in losses from associated companies to $2.8m, the net profit is slashed from $17.3m to $6.3m. Group sales advanced from $246m to $286m. The group says Comalco Aluminium (Bell Bay) is seeking approval from the Prices Justification Tribunal for a price increase of its primary aluminium products.

ORIENT LEASING OFFER

Japanese group Orient Leasing is to offer privately $15m of straight bonds in Europe. The five-year bonds will be on offer at par value to yield 9.5 per cent interest. Daiwa Securities of Japan and Manufacturers Hanover of Britain head the eight-bank syndicate managing the offer.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	10%
First London Secs	10%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster ..	10%
Rossminster ACC's	10%
Shenley Trust	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	10%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6%, up to £25,000, 6¾%, over £25,000, 7¼%.

Commodities

COPPER was irregular. Afternoon: Cash wire bars, £590-91 a metric ton; three months, £607.50-08.00. Sales, 2,400 tons. Cash cathodes, £579-580; three months, £596.50-97.00. Sales, 50 tons. Morning: Cash wire bars, £589.50-90.00; three months, £607-07.50. Settlement, £590. Sales, 4,135 tons. Cash cathodes, £579-79.50; three months, £596-96.50. Settlement, £579.50. Sales, 125 tons.

SILVER gained about 3p to 4p on the LME. Bullion market (fixing levels): Spot, 196.65p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 398.9); three months, 201.25p (404.2c); six months, 206.25p (410.4c); one-year, 218.05p (436c). London Metal Exchange: Afternoon: Cash, 197.5-98.0p; three months, 203-03.2p; seven months, 208.5-08.7p. Sales, 39 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning: Cash, 197.2-97.6p; three months, 201.6-01.7p; seven months, 208.1-08.3p. Settlement, 197.6p. Sales, 78 lots.

TIN: Standard cash gained £9.50 while three months put on £4. There was a continuing Continental demand.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,150-60 a metric ton; three months, £3,214-16. Sales, 100 tons. High grade, cash, £3,175-85; three months, £3,225-35. Sales, 10 tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,160-65; three months, £3,216-18. Settlement, £3,165. Sales, 1,110 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £3,185-95; three months, £3,225-35. Settlement, £3,195. Sales, 60 tons (about half carries). Singapore tin ex-works, SM979 a picul.

LEAD was slightly firmer.—Afternoon.—Cash, £166.25-66.50 a metric ton; three months, £172-72.25. Sales, 2,375 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash, £166.25-66.50; three months, £172-72.25. Settlement, £166.50. Sales, 2,325 tons (mainly carries).

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £338-38.50 a metric ton; three months, £348.25-48.50. Sales, 1,675 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash, £337.75-38.00; three months, £348-48.25. Settlement, £333. Sales, 1,500 tons. Producers' price, £390 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was 60p up at £68.60 ($139) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was uncertain. — March, 40.10p-40.30p per kilo; April, 40.40-40.60p; April-June, 40.60-40.65p; July-Sept, 42.05-42.10p; Oct-Dec, 43.60-43.65p; Jan-March, 44.75-44.80p; April-June, 45.80-45.85p; July-Sept, 46.50-46.60p; Oct-Dec, 47.10-47.40p. Sales, 337 lots at 15.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot, 39.50-40.50p. Cifs. March, 37.00-37.50p; April, 37.75-38.25p.

COFFEE: Robustas future advanced from £8 to £10.50 on balance. Although some trade sources had discounted the Guatemala earthquake, others thought that nearby shipment prices could be affected.

ROBUSTAS.—March, £862-865 per metric ton; May, £873-875; July, £889-890; Sept, £898-899; Nov, £901-902; Jan, £905-906; March, £905-910. Sales: 1,925 lots including 33 options.

ARABICAS were dull.—Feb, $102-107 per 50 kilos; April, $110-115; June, $110-114; August, $110-115; Oct, $110-13.50; Dec, $111.50-115.40; Feb, $110-114. Sales: 6 lots.

COCOA futures again declined. March losing £6 and May £5.25.—March, £749.50-50.00 per metric ton; May, £733-34; July, £722.50-23.00; Sept, £703-704; Dec, £681-81.50; March, £673-74; May, £656-60. Sales: 1,891 lots including 6 options. ICO prices: daily 66.26c; 15-day average 64.49c; 22-day average 64.25c (United States cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were about £3 firmer. The London daily prices were: "raws" £155 (up £1); "whites" £175 (unchanged).—March, £158.10-58.45 per long ton; May, £158.30-58.70; Aug, £159.80-60.00; Oct, £160.25-60.75; Dec, £161.25-61.50; March, £161-61.50; May, £160.50-61.25. Sales: 1,897 lots. ISA prices: 13.14c; 17-day average, 13.70c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Feb, £80.20-80.80 per metric ton; April, £86.10-86.20; June, £87.20-87.30; Aug, £88.30-88.60; Oct, £89.30-89.50; Dec, £90.40-90.70; Feb, £91.50-91.70. Sales: 80 lots.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady. March, 185-186p per kilo; May, 190-199p; July, 198-201p; Oct, 204-208p; Dec, 211-215p; March, 214-218p; May, 219-222p. Sales: 14 lots.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Feb-March, £195 per long ton. "D" grade, £187.50. Calcutta was firm.—Indian, spot, Rs490 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Daisee, spot, Rs465.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—**WHEAT**.—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: March, £97.15; April-May, £92.15 direct Tilbury. Argentine milling: Feb, £81.10; March, £82.40 east coast. EEC feed: Feb, £64.40; March, £65 east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: Feb, £66.25; March, £67.25 trans-shipment east coast. April £68.50 trans-shipment west coast. South African white: March, £66.50 Glasgow.

BARLEY.—EEC feed: Feb, £64.75; March, £65.50 east coast. All per long ton cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—**BARLEY** was irregular. March, £63.50; May, £65.30; Sept, £64.70; Nov, £66.60; Jan, £68.35. **WHEAT** was irregular. March, £64.60; May, £66.55; Sept, £65.45; Nov, £67.35; Jan, £69.20.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.—

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Lancashire	—	£64.20	£65.15
Kent	—	£62.40	£60.60

The UK monetary coefficients for the week beginning Monday, February 9, will remain unchanged.

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 6.—UK: Cattle, £23.51 per live cwt (—0.21). Sheep, 41.4p per lb edcw (—1.0). Pigs, £3.79 per score (—0.14). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 11.6 per cent, average price £23.72 (—0.31). Sheep numbers up 10.6 per cent, average price 41.5p (—1.2). Pig numbers up 2.9 per cent, average price £3.79 (—0.14). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 15.8 per cent, average price £23.19 (+0.19). Sheep numbers down 8.5 per cent, average price 41.6p (—0.3). Pigs, nil.

Reversion to aid Avenue Close

Publishing interim results for the first time, property group Avenue Close, turns in pre-tax profits for the half year to last September of £68,000 against £366,000. There was a loss on property development in the six months of £34,000 against a profit of £108,000 for the preceding 12 months to March 31, 1975.

In the second-half however it began to benefit from rental reversions on major investment properties. These will boost rental income by £210,000 annually. Since April last, all developments have been completed and fully let.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London

Foreign Exchange

Trading was quiet on foreign exchanges yesterday, partly because of a meeting of West German dealers in Düsseldorf. Sterling held steady throughout the session, virtually unaffected by the fresh decline in British interest rates. The pound closed at $2.0270 against the dollar, down 10 points on the overnight level.

Its effective devaluation against Britain's major trading partners widened from 30.1 to 30.2 per cent.

Although the latest fall in minimum lending rate had been discounted, some dealers were concerned that there might be selling from Arab nations on Monday.

A firming of short-term interest rates helped strengthen the dollar. It improved from 2.5740 to 2.5750 against the German mark; from 2.5920 to 2.5935 in terms of the Swiss franc; and from 4.4675 to 4.4775 at the expense of the French franc. There was apparently no central bank support for the franc.

Gold rose $2 an ounce to $130.75.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) February 6	Market rates (close) February 6
New York	$2.0255-0290	$2.0265-0275
Montreal	$2.0170-0215	$2.0180-0190
Amsterdam	5.38½-42fl	5.40¾-41¾fl
Brussels	79.40-50f	79.55-75f
Copenhagen	12.46-49k	12.47½-48½k
Frankfurt	5.21-24m	5.21½-22½m
Lisbon	55.15-45e	55.30-40e
Madrid	121.40-70p	121.60-50p
Milan	1515-25lr	1516-19lr
Oslo	11.19-22k	11.20½-21½k
Paris	9.05-09f	9.07½-08½f
Stockholm	8.84½-87½k	8.85½-86½k
Tokyo	606-15y	610-12½y
Vienna	37.05-35sch	37.10-30sch
Zurich	5.25-27f	5.25½-26½f

Effective depreciation since December 21, 1971 up 0.1 to 30.2 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.70-.60c prem	1.95-1.85c prem
Montreal	.05c prem-.05c disc	.20-.10c prem
Amsterdam	2½-1½c prem	8½-7½c prem
Brussels	10c prem-10c disc	40-30c prem
Copenhagen	4.2ore prem	7-5ore prem
Frankfurt	2½-1½pf prem	8-7pf prem
Lisbon	Par-100c disc	Par-175c disc
Madrid	50-100c disc	150-200c disc
Milan	Par-3lr disc	Par-4lr disc
Oslo	4½-2½ore prem	12-10ore prem
Paris	1½-½c prem	3½-2½c prem
Stockholm	3-1ore prem	6-4ore prem
Vienna	25-10gro prem	80-50gro prem
Zurich	4½-3½c prem	11½-10½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $1.0040-43.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 4½-5½; seven days, 4½-5½; one month, 4½-5½; three months 5½-5¾; six months, 5¾-6¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $131.15 (an ounce); pm, $130.60.

Krugerrand (per coin): $134-136 (£66.25-67.25) (domestic; $133.75-135.75 (£66-67) (international).

Sovereigns (old), $43.75-44.75 (£21.50-22.00) (new), $42.50-44.50 (£21-22) (international).

PMPA bids for New Ireland

News of a bid for New Ireland Assurance from PMPA Insurance led to a suspension of the shares yesterday at the board's request.

The board says that PMPA intends to make a bid for the company at 110p a share, using its 30 per cent holding as a springboard. Senator E. Ryan, chairman of this Dublin-based group says that in view of the indication last August by the Department of Industry and Commerce, that it would be "unhappy" if the shareholding of PMPA exceeded 30 per cent, the board has informed the department of the proposed bid.

Until the department's attitude to the bid is cleared up and further bid details are revealed, the board strongly advises shareholders to take no action.

GUARDIAN MTGE INVESTORS

Income for nine months to November 30 $12.2m (£6m), operating expenses $25.3m. Loss $13m before provision of $36m for possible losses.

SLATER WALKER—GOPENG

Slater Walker no longer has an interest in 10 per cent or more of equity of Gopeng Cons.

Discount market

The supply of credit proved surprisingly comfortable in the discount market yesterday, and rates eased away from an early 9¼ level to reach 8¾ per cent by the end of the morning. During the afternoon they went down to 7 in places. Books were finally ruled off with balances taken anywhere between 7 and 8 per cent.

The Bank of England found no need to intervene. It seemed rather to surprise the authorities, for identifiable factors pointed to an underlying shortage and the signs were that the banks would be carrying forward run-down balances across the weekend.

Certainly, tax was flowing into the Inland Revenue coffers rather more heavily than had been anticipated and well in excess of Exchequer disbursements. Other factors against the market were the Treasury bill take, the customary outflow of notes into spending circulation and of the weekend, and some local authority bills maturing in official hands.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 9¾%
(Last changed 6/2/76)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½%
Discount Mkt. Loans
Weekend: Open 9¼ Close 7
Week Fixed: 9¼

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	8⅞	2 months	8¾
3 months	8⅞	3 months	8⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

2 months	9⅛-9	3 months	9½
3 months	9⅛-9	4 months	9¾
4 months	8⅞-8¾	6 months	9¾
6 months	8⅞-8¾		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-9¾	7 months	10-9½
2 months	10¼-9¾	8 months	10-9½
3 months	10¼-9¾	9 months	10-9½
4 months	10-9½	10 months	10¼-9¾
5 months	10-9½	11 months	10¼-9¾
6 months	10-9½	12 months	10¼-9¾

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	9¼-9	6 months	9½-9
3 months	9¼-8	12 months	9¾-9½

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9-8¾	3 months	9¾-9½
7 days	9-8¾	6 months	9¾
1 month	9¾	1 year	10¼

Interbank Market (%)

Weekend: Open 9-9¼ Close 10½

1 week	9¼-9	6 months	9
1 month	9-8¾	9 months	9¾
3 months	9-8⅞	12 months	9¾-9⅝

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)

3 months 10 — 6 months 10

Finance House Base Rate 11½

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£1.0m	allotted	£350m
Bids at	£97.80½%	received	66%
Last week	£97.65%	received	66%
Average rate	£8.7601%	Last week	£9.2867%
Next week	£350m	replace	£400m

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Bowring C.T. 10% Cnv (£100)	£132+1
Essex Wtr 9% Pf	£102½
Lee Valley Wtr 5% Rd Pf	£105½
Treasury 9¾% A 1980 (£96)	£95¼-¾

RIGHTS ISSUES

	Issue date of renun	Closing
Baker Perkins (50)	Mar 12	14½ prem
BEK (25)	Mar 24	1 prem
Ocean Trans (105)		29½ prem-1½
Stenhouse (64)		25 prem+2
Strong and Fisher (80)		11 prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. c £30 paid. d £50 paid. e £60 paid. h £25 paid. i £10 paid.

Wall Street

New York, Feb 6.—Stocks on the New York stock exchange showed sharp losses for the second straight session at the close today.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 9.91 points to 954.90 on top of a loss of 11.81 points yesterday.

Over twice as many shares showed losses as gains. Volume totalled 27,360,000 shares compared with 33,780,000 yesterday.

Brokers attributed losses of the past two sessions to a combination of recently rising short-term interest rates, profit-taking on the soaring gains of January, and uneasiness over House passage of a Bill to exempt only small natural gas producers from Federal price controls, not large companies as planned originally.

The Bill also would extend controls to intrastate gas sales, affecting some big oil companies.

In the decline stocks showed little effect from the report that unemployment in January fell to an adjusted 7.8 per cent from 8.3 per cent in December.

Coffee goes high by 2c

New York, Feb 6.—**COFFEE** futures in "C" contract continued to new high ground today, closing 2.00 to 1.35 cents up, on 648 sales. March closed at the 2-cent limit, at 100.95 cents a pound. March, 100.95c bid; May, 99.80-100.00c; July, 99.80-85c; Sept, 99.50-65c; Dec, 98.80-90c.

COCOA.—Futures closed steady on sales of 850 lots. March, 68.28c; May, 64.85c; July, 62.70c; Sept, 60.70c; Dec, 58.15c; March, 56.80c; May, 56.00c; July, unquoted. Spots: Ghana 76c nominal. Bahia 72c nominal.

SILVER futures on the Comex closed 2.60 to 4.10 cents up, on an estimated 6,134 contracts. Feb, 397.60c; March, 399.00c; April, 401.00c; May, 403.90c; July, 409.00c; Sept, 414.40c; Dec, 422.90c; Jan, 425.70c; March, 431.50c; May, 437.30c. Handy and Harman $400.40 (previous $394). Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$3.994 (previous Can$3.931).

GOLD. Futures closed firmer in fairly quiet trading. The New York Comex ended the session $1.80 to $2.00 higher, while the Chicago IMM gained $2.50 to $2.70. NY COMEX: Feb, $130.60; March, $130.80; April, $131.20; June, $132.30; Aug, $133.80; Oct, $135.10; Dec, $136.50; Feb, $137.90; April, $139.30; June, $140.60. CHICAGO IMM. March, $130.80-131.00; June, $132.60-132.80; Sept, $134.88 bid; Dec, $137.00; March, $139.40 bid.

COPPER. Futures closed steady between 10 points up and 10 points down on 1,681 lots. Feb, 55.50c; March, 55.60c; April, 56.00c; May, 56.40c; July, 57.20c; Sept, 58.10c; Dec, 59.30c; Jan, 59.70c; March, 60.50c.

SUGAR. World sugar futures in No 11 contract closed 0.03 cent up to 0.06 cent down. March, 13.39-36c; May, 13.40-41c; July, 13.44c; Sept 13.47c; Oct, 13.50-45c; Jan, 13.45c nominal; March, 13.47-45c; May, 13.42c; July, 13.42c nominal. Spot, 13.30, up 15.

COTTON. Prices ended near the day's lows at 1.55 to 0.08 cent down. March, 59.10-20c; May, 60.28-35c; July, 61.05c; Oct, 60.10-15c; Dec, 58.25-30c; March, 58.85-95c; May, 59.00c, bid; July, 59.10c bid.

WOOL.—Futures and crossbred futures were featureless today. GREASE WOOL.—Spot 167.5c nominal. March, 163.0-5.0c; May, 162.5-6.5c; July, 161.1-5.0c; Oct, 160.0-4.0c; Dec, 160.0-3.0c; March, 160.0-3.0c; May, nil. CROSSBRED. Spot 99.0c nominal. March, 97.0-101.0c; May, 97.0-102.0c; July, 95.0-99.0c; Oct, 95.0-102.0c; Dec, 95.0-105.0c; March, 95.0-103.0c; May, nil.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Oil futures closed with gains of 0.37 to 0.50 cent a lb and Meal finished with losses of $1.60 to $0.30 a ton after a fairly even session. SOYABEANS. March, 479-78c; May, 486-87¼c; July, 494-93¼c; Aug, 497¼c; Sept, 501c; Nov, 506-06¼c; Jan, 512¼c; March, 519¼c; May, 525c.

SOYABEAN MEAL (New). March, $133.00; May, $137.60; July, $139.20-9.80; Aug, $140.20; Sept, $140.20-1.50; Oct, $141.20-1.50; Dec, $144.50-5.00; Jan, $145.50-6.00. **SOYABEAN OIL**. March, 16.33-7.10; May, 16.49-40c; July, 16.60-65c; Aug, 16.65c; Sept, 16.75-80c; Oct, 16.80c; Dec, 16.85-90c; Jan, 16.90-95c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT to 2 cents higher. March, 35[illegible]; May, 339¼-3.00c; July, [illegible]; Sept, 368¼c; Dec, 378c; Mar [illegible]. MAIZE closed ¼ to 1¼ c. [illegible]. March, 266¼-266¼c; May, [illegible]; July, 273¼c; Dec, 267¼c; March, 272¼c. [illegible] closed 1¼ higher to unchanged [illegible]. 158¼c; May, 152c; July, [illegible]; Sept, 147c; Dec, 140¼c.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.0270 ($2.0283); three months, $2.0078 ($2.0065); Canadian dollar, 100.38c (100.51c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was off .66 to 300.62. The futures index was up .81 to 295.48.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 954.90 (964.81); transportation, 188.36 (190.82); utilities, 91.15 (91.18); 65 stocks, [illegible]. New York Stock Exchange index, 52.97 (53.44); industrials, [illegible] (59.47); transportation, 37.38 [illegible]; utilities, 35.77 (36.04); financial, 51.25 (51.61).

	Feb 6	Feb 5
Allied Chem	48	46¼
Allied Stores	48½	48½
Allied Supermkt	3¾	4
Allis Chalmers	14¼	14¼
Alcoa	44¼	45
Amax Inc	53	54½
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

(The remainder of the Wall Street price table, covering further New York stocks and Canadian Prices, is [illegible].)

- Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

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46	25	Armitage & Rhodes	34	—	3.0	8.8	9.0
104	94	Deborah Services	104	+1	7.5	7.2	5.5
147	115	Henry Sykes	147	+2	4.9	3.4	9.8
36	18	Twinlock Ord	23	—	0.9	4.0	5.7
66	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	65	—	12.0	18.5	—
63	48	Unilock Holdings	63	+1	4.5	7.1	12.2

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Stock Exchange Prices

Firmer at the close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Beg. Monday. Dealings End, Feb 20. § Contango Day, Feb 23. Settlement Day, Mar 2.

§ Rwar bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 06.02.76 (base date 1 June 2, 1964 original base date June 1, 1935=

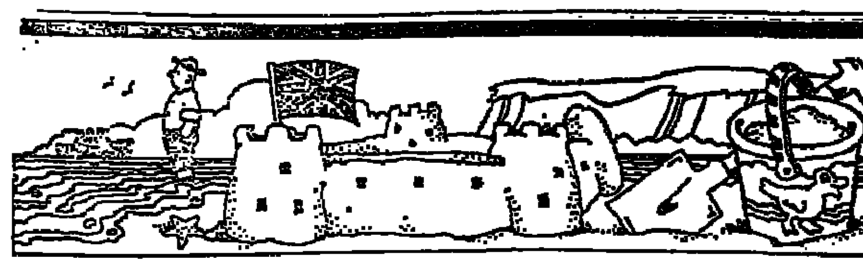
	Index No.	Div. Yield %	Index Inc. Yield Previous %
The Times Industrial Share Index	168.91	5.78	168.83
Industrial Ords.	163.06	5.63	162.98
Industrial Prefs.	126.72	8.25	126.72
Capital Goods	177.49	5.85	177.49
Consumer Goods	152.86	5.98	152.86
Store Shares	141.71	5.48	141.64
Largest financial sector	252.50	5.06	252.15
Largest financial and industrial shares	170.97	5.48	170.90
Commodity shares	235.90	4.09	9.70 235.82
Gold Mining shares	485.50	7.09	11.03 481.84
Industrial debenture stocks	82.90	7.25	82.92
Industrial preference stocks	53.99	12.04	53.96
35% Wht Loan	27%	12.11	27%

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

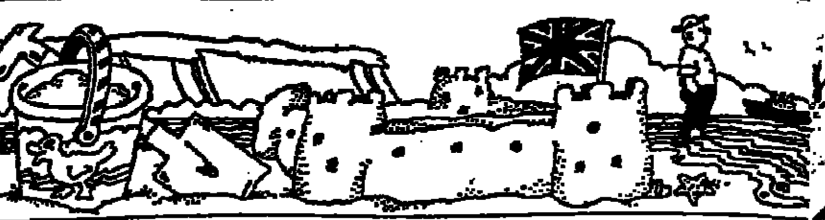
	High	Low
All-time	168.91 (06.02.76)	60.15 (15.12.74)
1976	171.29 (30.01.76)	139.27 (04.01.76)
1975	156.96 (31.12.75)	60.15 (15.12.74)
1974	177.52 (28.03.74)	98.13 (03.01.74)
1973	189.32 (15.05.73)	150.24 (19.12.73)
1972	198.47 (13.06.72)	147.49 (19.01.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	122.83 (05.01.71)

* Flat interest yield.

◇ Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. ... No significant data.



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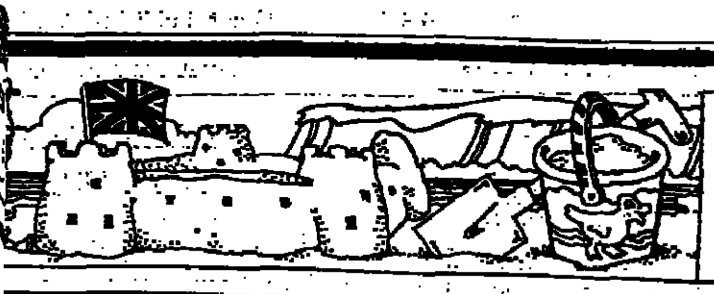
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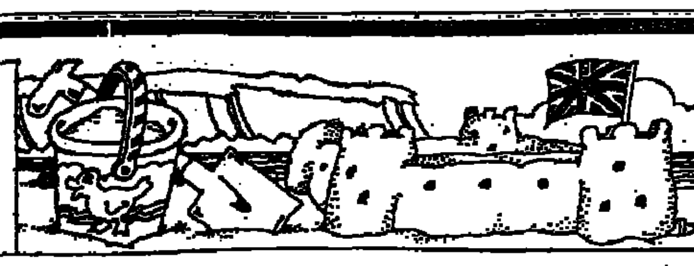
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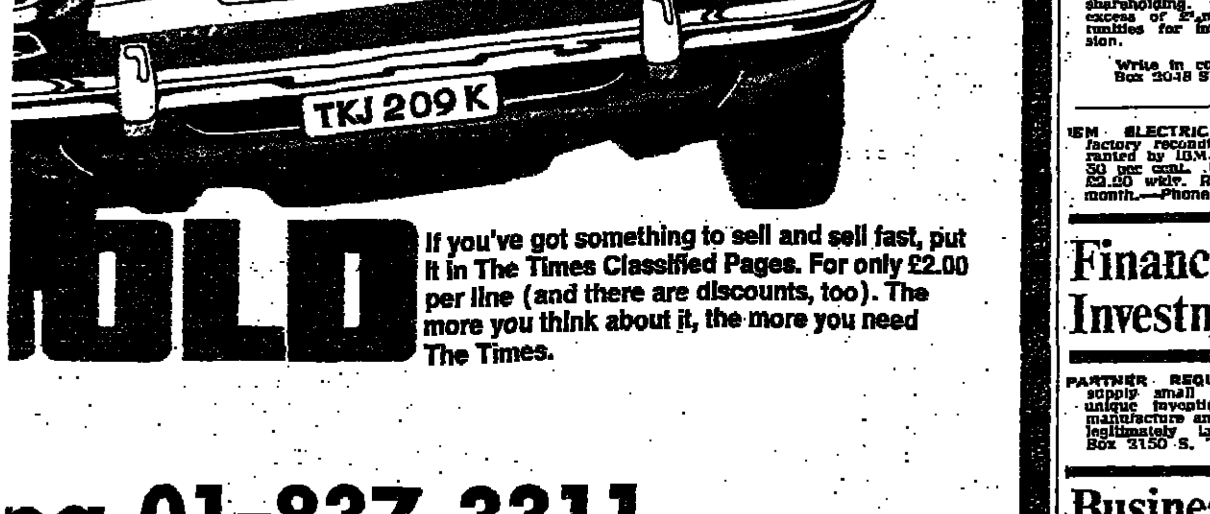
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And Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Brightman at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2 on Monday the 16th day of February 1976.

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BEARY.—On February 5th in Durban to Brenda (nee Daniels) and Michael Beary—a daughter (Kate).

BRYANT.—On January 30th, at Melbourne, Australia, to Sally and Lawrie—a daughter.

CAPEL.—On 29th January, 1976, to Jill (nee Blowey) and Stuart Capel, two daughters and (Philippa Ann and Susan Emily)—sisters for Christine.

HENDERSON.—On February 5th, to Linda (nee Lanyon) and Jonathan—a daughter.

HOARE (nee Palmer).—On February 2nd, 1976, at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester to Edmund and Tanya—a daughter (Rebecca Dorota)—a sister for Benjamin.

KINGSTON.—On 3rd February, to Jill and Martin—a daughter (Joanna).

MIERS.—On Thursday, 5th February, to Niki and Prohyn—a boy and a girl.

REED.—On February 4th, to Angela (nee Seath) and Justin Reed—a daughter (Nicola Claire Louise).

USISKIN.—On 3rd February, 1976, at Ucb, to Susan (nee Smith) and Nicholas—a daughter (Sophie Helena), a sister for Sasha.

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DEATHS

BLACKSTONE.—On 4th February, peacefully, in hospital, Constance Maude (Sammy). Dearly beloved wife of William Willson (Bill) Blackstone. Funeral service at Amersham Crematorium, Wednesday, 11th February, at 12 noon. Flowers to F. G. Pymm & Son, 65 Morebridge Road, Maidenhead.

BRIGHT.—On February 5th, at Deal Hospital, after a heart attack, Doris, widow of Frank Hanson Bright, very dearly loved mother of Roger and Guy. Funeral service at St. John's Church, Kingsdown, Deal, Kent, on Thursday, February 12th, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at Barham. Family flowers only. If wished, donations to The Friends of Deal Hospital. All enquiries to E. B. Cavell, 25 Albert Road, Deal. Telephone Deal 2275.

DEATHS

BROOMFIELD.—On 4th February, at Hanyerd Memorial Nursing Home, Lewisham, Hilda Kate Broomfield, B.E.M., of 86, Dovercourt Road, Dulwich, widow of Harold Francis and mother of Arthur Felix (missing Burma, 1942). Service at College Chapel, Dulwich Village, Thursday, 12th February, 2 o'clock. Followed by cremation. Later, deposition of ashes in Crypt Chapel, All Hallows by the Tower. No flowers please. Inquiries, Orpington 28648.

BROWN.—On 6th February, 1976, suddenly, at home, Eileen, wife of Philip Brown, of Sevenoaks. Funeral private.

CLEMENCE.—On February 4, 1976, after a short illness, Freda Constance Hatton, widow of Col. Stanley Clemence, I.A., Reid., loved mother of Annette and grandmother of Penelope and Christopher. Cremation at St. John's Crematorium, Woking, February 10 at 4.30. Flowers to Woking Funeral Service, Goldsworth Road, Woking.

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DAVIES, ERIC.—On 6th February, 1976. Funeral Chelmsford Crematorium on Wednesday, 11th February, at 3.30 p.m.

DREW.—Suddenly at " Crosbie ", Paisley, Scotland, on 6th February, 1976, Albert Drew. Funeral private.

DROUGHT.—On February 4th, at Burnham-on-Sea, Caroline Violet, aged 78 years, widow of John Victor. Private cremation. Arnos Vale, Bristol. Memorial service St. Mary's Church, Berrow, Somerset, Wednesday, February 18th, at 2.30 p.m.

DRUMMOND.—On February 5th, 1976, David G. F. Drummond, aged 91 years, of Wass, York, beloved husband of Elizabeth. Funeral private, no flowers.

FREMANTLE.—On February 6th, peacefully, at the Elm Tree Nursing Home, Glasgow, after a long illness, Thelma, beloved mother of Robin and wife of the late Major Pat Fremantle, formerly of Newtonmore, Inverness-shire, and Newton Mearns. Private cremation at the Linn Crematorium, Glasgow, on Monday, 9th February.

GLENNY.—On 6th February, peacefully in hospital, Mollie, much loved wife of Alexander Hannen, and mother of Caroline, now Maldonado. Funeral private.

JAMES.—On 6th February, very suddenly at home, Thomas, son of the late Lt.-Col. the Hon. Cuthbert James, beloved husband of Rosemary, of Handen Farm, Aldington, Kent. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

JOBSON.—On February 5th, 1976, Cecil, of Snowdrop Cottage, Lindfield, peacefully, after a long illness. Cremation on Wednesday, February 11th, 2.30 p.m. at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth. Flowers to the crematorium, please.

KEMP.—On 5th February, 1976, at Crieff Nursing Home, Major-General Geoffrey Chichele Kemp, C.B., M.C., formerly of Thurston Lodge, North Berwick. Funeral private. No letters, please.

KIRTON.—On 3rd February, 1976, suddenly in Watford hospital, Florence Mary (Bobe), beloved wife of Charles Richard and dearly loved mother of Monica Turner. Funeral at West Herts Crematorium, Garston, Wednesday, 11th February, 2.30 p.m.

KNIGHT.—On 1st February, 1976, suddenly at her home, 823 Neil Gwynn House, S.W.3, Doris Knight, beloved daughter of the late Harry and Catherine Ireland, much missed by her many friends who appreciated her love and affection. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, on Tuesday, 10th February, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers, please, to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 132 Freston Road, W.10.

LOWE.—On 4th February, 1976, peacefully at Edwardstone, Marjorie, widow of the Rev R. D. T. Lowe. Funeral at St. James Church, Shaftesbury, on Monday, 9th Feb., at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St James Church.

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MOREL.—On 5th February, 1976, at Southerndown, Walton-on-the-Hill, Tadworth, Surrey, Thomas Edwin (Ted), dearly loved husband of Phyl and father of Rachel and Valerie. Funeral service at St. Peter's Church, Walton-on-the-Hill, on Tuesday, 10th February at 2.15 p.m., followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only and no letters, please.

MUIRHEAD.—On February 6th, 1976, L. Russell (Tellie), aged 79, husband of Benedetta and father of Simon and loved grandfather and friend of Joan Hitchcox. Cremation private. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Friends of Friendless Churches, Ivor Bulmer-Thomas, 12 Edwardes Square, W.8.

PECK.—On 5th February, 1976, Dorothea, mother of Sir John Peck, at Bray, County Wicklow, peacefully in her 93rd year. Cremation private. Enquiries to Bath 28131.

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SHETLIFFE.—On February 5th, 1976, peacefully, Elisabeth Mary, aged 66, widow of the Rev. G. T. Shetliffe and dearly loved mother of George and Rosemary (Williams). Family flowers only but donations if desired to United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Funeral service, 12 noon, Tuesday, 10th February, Much Marcle Church, Herefordshire.

DEATHS

SKETCHLEY.—Phyllis Francis Murray (nee Campbell) on 5th February, widow of Major Ernest Frederick Sketchley, D.S.O., in her 91st year. Beloved mother of Francis Mary Campbell and Murray Frederick Sketchley. Funeral private.

SOIMENOW, MICHAEL, beloved husband of Audrey, father of Zola and grandfather of Max. On Tuesday, 3 February, 1976, suddenly and peacefully at 1 The Croft, Old Headington, Oxford.

SOLLEY.—On Thursday, February 5th, peacefully, in St. Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, Ann, beloved wife of Peter and mother of Hannah.

STIEBEL.—On 6th February, 1976, Victor Stiebel, at his home, 25 Hyde Park Gardens. Funeral private, no flowers please.

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WALLACE.—On 4th February, peacefully, at Rosewind, The Convent of the Epiphany, Truro, Marion L. Wallace, aged 91, late lecturer at Furzedown College and beloved aunt and great aunt of all her nephews and nieces.

WEBB.—On 4th February, peacefully at his home, Norman Frederick, dearly loved husband of Linda and loving father of Rosalind, Elaine, Daphne, Peter and Dorothy, father-in-law of Roger and Michael, grandpa of Claire. Funeral service at St. John's, Hildenborough, at 12.30 Wednesday, 11th February, followed by private cremation at Tunbridge Wells. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Research.

FUNERALS

THOMPSON, JOAN THURSTON. Cremation at Bedford Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, at 2.10 pm on Monday, 9th February. No flowers but donations, if desired, to a favourite charity.

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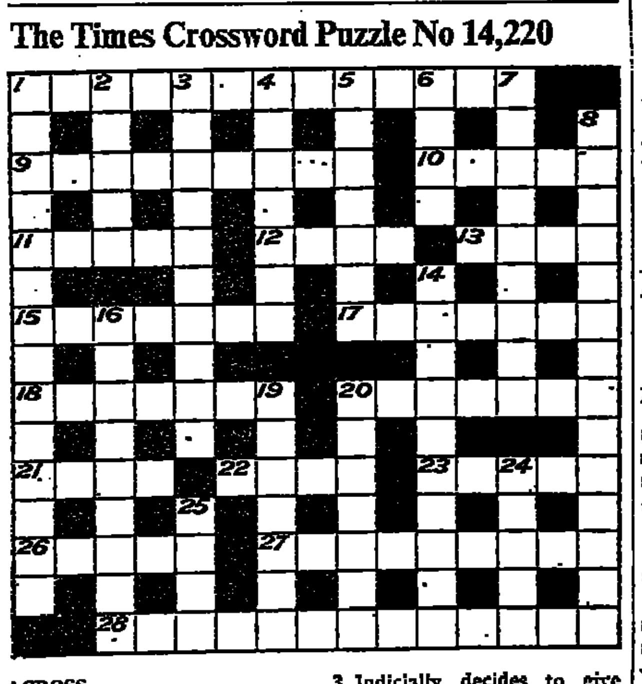
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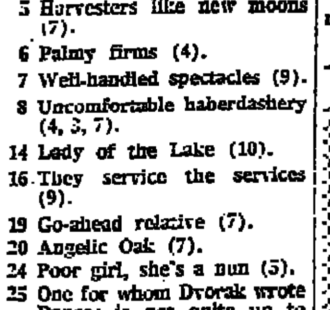
ACROSS

1 How tandem honeymooner felt, finding rear saddle empty ? (13)
9 Hoary high-up (4, 5).
10 Heavens — it's curlylocks ! (5).
11 Tom Bowling bowled ? That gives one a turn (5).
12 They're hooters, not the breath-bating sound of wolves (4).
13 First nothing, then a runner in return for a load (4).
15 Choose to be out of the running, say (7).
17 Struck south with a handy protector (7).
18 The music of the spheres (7).
20 Fish with a pin (7).
21 Choreographic ananas (4).
22 Robert Greenleaf (4).
23 Back tike ! He goes for the frill (5).
26 Wizard errand-boy (5).
27 Posh stabling for a heavy horse ? Has usual offices (5, 4).
28 A number recumbent for a long time—under chairs ? (5, 8).

DOWN

1 N Italy to E London trunk line (8, 6).
2 Is unable to take round part of the poem (5).
3 Judicially decides to give Academy back a bit on local dues (10).
4 Ole Adam changes to dernier cri (1, 2, 4).
5 Harvesters like new moons (7).
6 Palmy firms (4).
7 Well-handled spectacles (9).
8 Uncomfortable haberdashery (4, 3, 7).
14 Lady of the Lake (10).
16 They service the services (9).
19 Go-ahead relative (7).
20 Angelic Oak (7).
24 Poor girl, she's a nun (5).
25 One for whom Dvorak wrote Dances is not quite up to the waltz (4).

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